

Green Party of Michigan – State Membership Meeting – May 19, 2007 . . . Lunch Studio * 444 S. Saginaw Street, Flint

We will start the meeting with a discussion on the current political situation -- the war and the crisis of confidence, Obama and Clinton, what's going on with the Green Party -- allow people to speak for 2-3 minutes -- to exchange ideas, impressions, etc
All offices are up for re-election at the May SMM. They are:

Treasurer	Clearinghouse Coordinator	Vice Chair SCC
Record Keeper/Secretary	Membership Secretary	Elections Coordinator
Meeting Manager	Party Chair	National Representatives
Locals Liaison	Vice Chair all committees	

8:30 - 9:30am breakfast sponsored by the Flint Greens

9:00 - 9:30am [9:46] officer reports (NOTE: by-laws require written reports from officers not attending)

Fred V starts up . . . thanks to Flint Greens for setting up the meeting place and for the breakfast
notes the agenda in the packets – goes thru it a bit

Karen S starts stacking

Harley M may have to leave early, so he would like to expedite nominations and voting on the officers (twinkling)

Linda M wants people who speak to stand up so everyone can hear

JALP suggests if we get done with elections in the morning, consider two committee sessions (so some folks can talk on 2 subjects)
consensus to jump forward into

9:30-10:00am [9:52] nominations for state officers

Chair: Fred V knows Sylvia I is running; Matt A nominates Ken M, who does accept the nomination
do we need a vote? (Doug C asks: do we have a quorum?)

Matt A speaks for Ken M; he's been active and done a lot of things for the party

Fred V speaks for Sylvia I; thinks it's good for GPMI to have a woman as chair, and she has done something

Lynn M asks what the vice-chairs do; point up the descriptions of offices/duties in the by-laws

Karen S agrees with Fred V's point about having a woman in the leadership

Ken M speaks for himself – been with GPMI since 1999, Locals Liaison, convention delegate, candidate, etc.
had been thinking about running for a vice-chair position, but was asked to run for chair

Karen S, noting that Aimee S had just walked in, nominates her for chair

she's honored, but declines – wants someone with more time to devote to being active in that position

Fred V asks if we know anyone else is coming . . . maybe George C later, but we don't know when

Richard K moves to select by consensus . . . Doug C raises a blocking concern just b/c it's a matter of selecting people to office
so we vote:

Sylvia I 3

Ken M 18

abstain 2 (Ken M and me)

Aimee S asks why we didn't use secret ballots and/or IRV; Fred V suggests we may use STV for male national reps

Bill O suggests it can be cleaner with a show of hands (at least with 2 people; if we have more, we're set to use IRV/etc.)

Richard K . . .

Art M says we usually prefer to use consensus in decisions if we can

Ken M points out that the by-laws do say secret ballots if more than one candidate

Aimee S and Karen S discuss further the

Doug B asks do we need to amend the by-laws?

JALP suggests SMM is supreme authority; could reach consensus on one candidate if other candidate[s] agree & withdraw

Harley M agrees that the SMM could amend the by-laws

Linda M says we should move ahead and re-vote by ballot if we need it later

Vice-Chair/SCC Whip: currently Chuck J (who only wanted to run again if nobody else wants it

Richard K nominates Aimee S for VC/SCC Whip; Doug C nominates NOTA . . . but we reach consensus on Aimee S

Vice-Chair/Committee Manager: currently Doug C . . . who's not sure he's managed any committees – at least successfully

Doug B nominates Doug C; Ken M nominates Harley M; Doug C nominates NOTA

Matt A suggests Karen S, but she wants to run for national rep; then suggests Lynn M, but she declines

Richard K supports Doug C as someone from SE Michigan

Harley M notes that by-laws call for candidates themselves to speak

Lynn M wants to see Harley M, since Doug C's admitted he feels stalled in the position

Bill O's a big Doug C fan . . . but he's also a supporter of getting as many people involved as possible, so he's for Harley

Aimee S wants us to save the lobbying for later, except brief candidate statements

if >1 candidate, let them all speak briefly, then a ballot later . . . consensus/twinkle

Doug C thinks either candidate would do a good job, and his living in SE MI is irrelevant since most of the work will be electronic

he's done what he could – including getting in the News when we spoiled two 2006 elections

maybe he needs to get "ornerier" . . .

Harley M agrees with Doug C that either of them could do a good job

but the job needs someone putting more time into the work – e.g., amending the by-laws . . . and he's retired

Treasurer: Randym Jones . . . JALP re-nominates; Randym accepts; move to accept by consensus before he withdraws
Doug C puts in NOTA, but . . . consensus/twinkle (including Doug C)

Recordkeeper/Secretary: Linda Manning Myatt . . . Karen S re-nominates her, but she declines . . .

Matt A asks what records the recordkeeper keeps; Linda M says mostly the minutes

Ken M nominates Lynn M, but she declines; Lynn M nominates JALP, but he doesn't want to be both that & Elections Coordinator

Linda M points out this position has always been a woman

Aimee S suggests coming back to the office

Ken M thinks we need a Recordkeeper/Secretary under state law, too;

Hal Newman asks if anyone's willing to serve

Richard K nominates Steve Weed (new member); he accepts

Ken M still wants to nominate JALP, would like to find someone else to be EC (maybe Matt A or Art M or Richard K)

Matt A *might* consider it . . .

Art M plans to be running in the next election, so not coordinating

Richard K knows we like to trade positions, but thinks JALP is best for now

Art M is willing to be Recordkeeper; Steve W drops out

Doug C reminds the meeting that JALP's in law school (Matt A: "that's his problem")

consensus/twinkle on Art M

Locals Liaison: currently Doug Baker (filling in; he wants to run for Membership Secretary)

Richard K nominates Doug C, but he declines

David P nominates Doug B, but he's reluctant . . .

Aaron S nominates Eric B; he accepts – and Doug B officially withdraws

Lynn M nominates David P; he declines

consensus/twinkle on Eric B over NOTA

Eric B's thinking about combining his Locals Liaison duties with distributing (and producing) "In the Green"

Membership Secretary: Doug B . . . whom Ken M re-nominates . . . and who gets consensus/twinkle over NOTA

Clearinghouse Coordinator: Aimee S . . . well, Randym says he and she have been splitting that duty (& it's working)

Aimee S points out that the phone-call pick-up doesn't have to be done locally in Ann Arbor; the checks are the hardest

Matt A asks how many calls there are – Aimee S says maybe one good one (not phone spam) a week

Aimee S thinks maybe Doug B (as Membership Secretary) should get the phones

Lynn M says it sounds like we may need to re-define the position; Fred V says that may be part of the broader by-laws rewrite

David P suggests leaving the position open while splitting up the duties for now

consensus/twinkle

Meeting Manager: Fred V is currently RMM (reluctant Meeting Manager)

JALP asks if any women would be willing to step in . . . but nobody is

so we reach consensus/twinkle on Fred V for now

Elections Coordinator: JALP . . . consensus/twinkle

(even though his current Election Law class is being taught by Bureau of Elections director Chris Thomas)

National Representatives: there's a new apportionment going thru – it looks 99% sure we'll have 6 delegates

Fred V says we should first decide to elect enough for the new apportionment (and continue the M/F split as we have been)

Ken M suggests electing four definite and two alternates

JALP suggests we consent now to change the by-laws to reflect the change when

Linda M notes we won't be adding strength, since the National Committee overall will be going from 100 or so to 200 +/-2

Aimee S notes we've been leaning on the alternates, hopes we have more than the bare minimum

women: Linda M (current rep) / Aimee S (current alternate) . . .

before Richard K nominates, Aimee hopes the reps work together more, and bring more interested people into the loop

Fred V notes he's planning to propose a monthly SCC conference call, which would go to the same thing

Bill O nominates Karen S; Richard K nominates Lynn M (but she declines – as does Jan M)

Lynn M asks if Sylvia I would be willing to be a national rep

Harley M notes SCC can fill vacancies

Karen S says we can fill at August SMM after July national meeting

Lynn M nominates Rebekah M; she declines (living in Arkansas)

Linda M suggests putting off national-rep elections until after the national meeting (for which current reps are registered)

but Karen S points out she's an alternate and would like to be official in place of Susan O

Fred V asks for and gets consensus on proceeding with the election

Hal N was out in Reading, PA for candidate training school – they're setting up for a good national meeting

Linda M / Aimee S / Karen S nominated . . . we'll vote to see who's (tentatively) the alternate

men: Lou N (current rep) / Fred V (current rep)

Richard K nominates Matt A – he accepts provisionally

Ken M nominates Harley M – he accepts

Rebekah M nominates JALP – he declines (for now, at least)

Art M's planning to go to the national meeting; David P nominates him, and he accepts

Fred V asks if Doug C will run again . . . he says yes

10:00-11:00am speeches by nominees for disputed offices

various . . .

JALP asks if people want names rotated on ballots; consensus on no

Lynn M asks if Carolyn D wants to be nominated; she declines

Fred V prepares to move us into STV voting . . . Linda M doesn't know if we agreed about this

Doug C raises a blocking concern to any voting system that requires him to vote at all for someone he doesn't want to support at all

further Qs about it . . . Fred V says program has 5 STV counting methods

JALP worried about the what-if case . . . could the candidates involved consult and resolved

there's an election commission: Richard, Ken, and Rebekah

vote on accepting the voting system

yes 16

no 4

abstain 3

Doug C objects to two sets of books for one set of elections (i.e., to separate elections for male & female)

yes 5

no 16

abstain 1

Richard K moves to prefer the Cambridge method of STV . . . consensus

other proposals before lunch:

David P formed MIImpeach.org as a PAC . . . action 5/29 in Detroit (Central United Methodist Church)

wants GPML to sponsor and contribute \$500 to National Lawyers Guild for that

Richard K asks if we'd get a speaker for that; David P says panel's probably closed, but he'd hope for banner and tabling

Bill O suggests that Jack Lessenberry is hardly our friend . . . would also want to condition

Art M suggests matching the donation to Rev. Pinkney (one's as important as the other)

Ken M knows GPML has already moved to support the event; wants a treasurer's report before deciding how much to give

Eric B says any of our money should go for general stuff, not specific things

Carolyn D wants to know if it's possible to get GPML on the final flyer; David P's not sure – it may be too late

Aimee S points out that Malik Rahim is a Green Party member (ran for New Orleans City Council)

Richard K notes that, when Rev P spoke to us, we passed the hat; ditto for IN GP . . . why not do the same for this?

Doug C has 3 Qs:

will Cheney get first billing on impeachment, what are we getting for our \$ if we donate, & why not give \$ to Malik Rahim?

Randym notes our money-giving decisions tend to be ad hoc . . . how about \$150 each?

Matt A (NLG member) can tell us what National Lawyers Guild is doing for us – publicizing the issues of impeachment is sponsorship different from endorsement? not as far as we know

Doug C still has a blocking concern (wants to get more for \$150 than a handshake)

on the motion (\$150 each):

yes 20

no 2

abstain 2

Carolyn D is on the Diversity Committee; wants to have a racism workshop . . .

but people giving it won't come unless 50% of the people coming to it are people of color

Matt A wants us to re-affirm our support for Rev. Pinkney

and notes that Gov G will be appearing there next week in connection with disposal of Jean Klock Park (for golf-course devmt)

we should go on record with the people on that (note: Whirlpool is the developer)

and one more . . . wants us to endorse a medical-marijuana petition

and another . . . Doug C has asked ACLU Lawyers' Committee to get involved in an equal-time lawsuit

no decision yet, but people are investigating

Fred V asks if we have consensus on all that

Richard K wants to be sure we have someone set to do something first

11:00am-noon [delayed] discussion on current political situation in local areas, Michigan, and the country

noon - 1:00pm [12:25] lunch at the Lunch Studio

[discussion of how GPML is covering our lunches . . . (and how much – max \$10)]

1:00 - 1:30pm [1:25] votes for officers

JALP goes over the ballots; we vote; the Election Commission collects the ballots and retires to count them. . . .

Fred V reviews the remaining agenda . . . including his ideas for making the SCC and the other committees more functional

then the Election Commission asks for his help, so he gets Art M to moderate

in the interests of decisiveness, Aimee S suggests 20 minutes for general discussion of political situation & 10 for officer reports

Doug B points out we need some time to discuss what committees to break out into, etc.

and Eric B notes we have some proposals to cover still . . .

11:00am-noon [1:32] discussion on current political situation in local areas, Michigan, and the country (re-activated)

JALP points out the "Big Two" parties in MI aren't resolving issues – gives us a chance to get into the story on such things as SBT

we have a few candidates now and announced-here candidates for next year; get them chances to speak

Eric B adds that some Dems are grabbing our issues (cf. Doug C's grabbing of headline)

Aimee S notes that Ds seem to be hot on global warming – and not wanting to let Greens say anything

on another point, we're supposed to be a grassroots party but we're devoting more of our resources to the national level

we need to look at this dilemma . . . especially as it relates to the next Presidential election

Art M's feeling on nominating local candidates is that we hold county caucuses and a convention – that's our process

we need people to step up – at the top and bottom of the ticket

at the top to maintain ballot access, and at the bottom to build the grassroots

Randym notes that our process is mostly ad hoc – mostly, if people show up wanting to run, they can run

we should look at every race and apply/distribute our resources strategically

Doug C says that sounds good in theory, but we don't have much in the way of resources

Harley M says grassroots democracy means getting people involved in their government

but people tend to get involved most in the biggest issues – which in turn means we need people at the top of the ticket for that

he's going to run for something next year – St Rep or Co Commr or President . . . but candidates need people to help

contacting the media, etc.
we need to be out there right now with candidates
he'd prefer having a woman run – or someone with big name recognition such as RNader (but we can't count on that)
one way or another, we need to draw attention to Michigan
make jobs a focus – and the environment (Dingell and Kildee are **not** environmentalists)
the environment needs to be one of our big focuses along with the war and
Eric B says the 800-pound gorilla in the room is electronic mass media – we need to engage them
whatever we do in this room (or in meetings like this), it won't go anywhere outside the meeting without the mass media
we could have sued public TV over Doug C's exclusion . . .
until we get at least public TV to give us equal time, they can go on ignoring us
if we invite the media to our meetings, we can build a reputation as the party that meets and decides by consensus
and we need a marquis candidate for President – someone who's recognized, not somebody they never heard of

Hal N talks about his run for Warren City Council
went to GPUS candidate-training session in Reading
his key issues:
good governance
smart governance (energy-efficiency)
community (tolerance, goodwill)
turning around corruption and police brutality
5 members of the current Council are a rubber-stamp for Mayor Steenburg
1 of the 4 in the minority is now running for mayor; another is friendly
Richard K is his campaign manager
[sweetheart] public contracts are taking money away from services and citizens
primary is August 7; cuts down to 2x the number of seats for the Nov 6 general election
Henry Newnan Election Committee
the race is non-partisan, but he is a card-carrying Green

Fred V (back) suggests a \$50 donation from the party . . . consensus/twinkle
[later: he thankfully declines the contribution – among other reasons, he wants to stay true to his promise of no "PAC" money]

Aaron S is running for 8th District Congressional seat (again . . . got 2,300 votes in 2006)
also wants to talk about the way we support candidates . . . it doesn't require a lot of money to help a candidate; time & energy
wants volunteers (including a campaign manager; Doug B has been helping)
hoping to reach the disenfranchised people of the district, overcome fear and apathy
Art M asks if there's a special election; no, he's running now for 2008
Fred V asks if GPMI can provide contact list for the 8th District
Aimee S suggests an amdt to give him \$50 too . . . consensus/twinkle

JALP moves endorsement of Hal N . . . consensus/twinkle

Doug C asks if we'd be causing soft-money problems with a donation to Aaron; Randym & JALP will consult to confirm

Fred V formally proposes a monthly conference call for SCC – first one no later than 6/15
leaving it to chair & vice-chairs to work out the details
Aimee S wonders if it might be unwieldy, though she's willing to try it
Fred V says e-mail only hasn't worked
Harley M suggests, to limit extra voices, maybe only one rep from each local?
consensus/twinkle

1:30 - 2:30pm continuing discussion, focusing on plans and proposals for Michigan Greens for 2007-2008 election cycle
– sign up for committees
– proposed committees to meet in next session: fund-raising, candidate outreach, media, platform

This effort augments and supports the existing committees with these functions to the extent that they exist, have chairs, business etc.

Fred V thinks sometimes we ask too much of ourselves by trying to get outside activities started ourselves
we need to focus on what we need to do . . .

candidate recruitment committee
fundraising committee
media committee

let's divide into threes, discuss the resources we have, and figure out things we can do
then come back into one body, settle on some things to do, and have follow-up on those by/at that conference call
an hour for each group to pick three ideas, then 45 minutes for the overall body to pick at least one each to do

Karen S will head the fundraising committee
Fred V will head the candidate recruitment committee
Aaron S will start the media committee

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2:30 - 2:45pm [3:44] announcements of vote results

VC/Committee Manager:

Harley M 17
Doug C 6
spoiled ballots 2 (didn't vote all slots – at least one of them voted only for NOTA)

National Reps/female:

Linda M
Aimee S
Karen S (alternate – for now)

National Reps/male:

Fred V
Lou N
Matt A (alternate – for now)
Art M (alternate already)
Doug C (likely future alternate)
Harley M (likely future alternate)

notes: * the computer told the Election Commission there were too few votes to use Cambridge-type STV vote shifting,
so they went with a system more like straight IRV . . . but with a $(1/(n+1)) + 1$ threshold
* also 1 spoiled ballot (apparently gave separate rankings in the two columns in the men's race)

what's left:

resolutions from this morning

supporting Rev Pinkney (along with the money) and opposing the private development of Jean Klock Park
Fred V suggests that JALP do this; Doug B and/or Matt A to help (Matt since the resolution was his)
consensus . . .

medical marijuana petition . . . consensus on having Ken M to draft a statement and send it out
[no action yet on ACLU Lawyers' Committee equal-time lawsuit . . .]

other resolutions

money for supporting national reps/etc. to go to Reading

after a bit of process-wrangling, we agree to hear only a quick treasurer's report from Randym
credit union \$4,350.97 . . . bank \$3,392.07 (before Pinkney \$/etc.) . . . \$1,029 will be coming back from GPUS sometime
Linda M still wants to put up more than the \$400 stated b4; first let's agree we're willing to put up **some** \$\$ – consensus/twinkle
now, how much? Linda M & Doug B propose allocating up to \$1,000 subject to people asking for help & SCC OKing requests
Doug B asks: any individual limit? Linda M suggests checking how much in total would be requested
should SCC approve? maybe treasurer (Randym), chair (Ken), and Karen S as volunteer
request deadline? meeting itself is 7/12, so deadline should be 6/15; where should requests go? most think to Randym
Aimee S expresses concern about transparency, but report can come afterward

changing the time of officer elections from May to February (Ken M)

consensus – pending review by the By-Laws Committee to make sure the proposed amdt is compatible with the rest of the text
Eric B's on the US & the World Court . . .

he says this would plug a hole in the World Court legal system, put us back to being more in line with the world community
JALP asks why not challenge **this** Congress? Eric B says for future focus – for our 2008 Congressional candidates to run on
Richard K, Karen S ask how we would use this – send it around, says Eric B (maybe other state parties could adopt as well)
Art M generally supports it . . . but asks if we'd expect Bush & Cheney to turn themselves in

Eric B says the World Court would do its own investigations . . .

Art M follows up: would we have standing to initiate a case in the World Court?

Eric B says only the UN prosecutors can decide that . . . but some are looking into it

Richard K suggests adding direction to the Platform Committee directing them to add it into the GPMI platform

Lynn M would go further – make it part of the media report going out from this meeting

and ask Eric B to: (a) check GPUS platform; (b) put the word out to the lists for everyone to write their Congressfolk
he put it out on the Elections list (at least)

Art M's on carbon taxes

he wants to know if GPMI would support a carbon tax for MI as described here

his figures show it would raise \$5B overall . . . close the current deficit, as well as the structural deficit from the SBT
and leave \$1.2B to protect the poorest 1/3 from the direct additional burden

Karen S asks if corporations would pay it – and if most wouldn't, how would people not be hit?

Art says we'd rebate all of the average impact to the poorest 1/6, half to the next poorest 1/6

the first paragraph of this version of the article mentioned the Sierra Club because Art's on the political cmte for SE MI

Lynn M, Doug B want to make sure the language on protecting the poorest 1/3 is in there

Doug B's concerned with the word "should" in the article as is, but Art M says this isn't legislation (yet)

Fred V's concerned with saying yea or nay to a detailed, technical two-page proposal

he'd rather sign onto a two-sentence resolution

"GPMI supports a carbon tax of sufficient size to force a reduced use of fossil fuels

with assurances that the poor will not be hurt/penalized in any way by the impact of the tax."

Bill O's inclined to go for the resolution . . . but whenever gas prices go up, everything else goes up

Aimee S suggests we also have problems with far-away things versus step-by-step implementations

but we should also be promoting locally grown food/etc, other ways to reduce energy consumption

Art M points out that the effect of the tax is to collect an average of \$500 per person

if you're sending back \$500 to the poor, you're cushioning them against the direct effect

if other folks raise their prices to match the impact on them, that's one thing

if other folks raise their prices more than the impact of the tax, that's another thing: price-gouging

Karen S wonders if it would help to add to this with credits for low-carbon energy forms (e.g., solar panels)

Art M says there are already subsidies – & the article already points out that the carbon tax on solar/wind/etc would be \$0
consensus/twinkle

2:45 - 3:00pm break

3:00 - 4:00pm meeting of committees -- choose a chair and/or reporter and develop plans/proposals

4:00 - 4:45pm reports by committees with votes on proposals

(including proposals already submitted for funding delegation to the national meeting
and changing the time for the annual officer elections)

Media Committee (Aaron S)

develop early rapport with political reporters – make sure they see us as a viable party, publicize our views more
including filling out MI Bureau of Elections issue questionnaire

TV/media lawsuit (following up on Doug C & Matt A's work with the ACLU Lawyers' Committee

Third-Party Coalition (Ken M has been involved)

create a blog to reach people who get their political info from new & diverse sources

prepare a candidate DVD for media outlets

compile a list of parades, festivals, etc.

Karen S asks if this committee talked about staying together; Aaron S says not discussed, but it's a good idea these committees can't do
Doug B willing to volunteer on a couple of these – the festival database, for one
Lynn M thinks they could do a good job of being broad . . . but nothing there about press releases
Doug B says they kind of presumed they'd happen
Fred V asks what the committee wanted the state party to do on this
Aaron S wanted to make sure press releases go to those people
Fred V asks if we can set a goal of one PR a week, or one every two weeks . . .
proposes that SCC follow-up focus on that – he'll take it to the SCC
Ken M points out there already is a Media Committee – maybe we need to get people to join the list we have
Karen S suggests another possible conference call for this committee
who chairs the current committee? JALP . . . who notes we were originally going to vet people onto the
Richard K wants to make sure MI releases get out to the national media list
Linda M goes the other way – we can use nationwide GP releases to do more work here
volunteers to help [JALP] with media tasks: Eric B, Doug B, Gary D, Ken M, Aaron S . . .

Fundraising Committee (Karen S)

Randym reports . . . boiled down from 12 ideas to 4:
treasurer makes rules for correct fundraising (state helps out locals)
have locals make calls about specific things we want money for (not just general goals)
e.g., Greens and Libertarians raising \$150k for OH recount
follow up fundraising letters with phone calls
identify repeat givers, and ask them to give more each year
track donations by name and amount to avoid donor fatigue
have a "fundraising school" at the next SMM, to give people practice in asking for money
Fred V confirms that Randym will watch over the first idea; the committee will work on implementing the 4th idea itself (Lynn M to chair)
Aimee S suggests having the committee [and/or the locals?] actually making calls . . . or is that yet another conference call?
Ken M asks if we're talking about starting a new ongoing Fundraising Committee – might be a good idea, but
Lynn M was under the impression that the MIGreens-Finance group was for fundraising; Randym says it's for budgets and all
she urges everyone on the committee here to join that group
Eric B suggests there's overlap between candidates and fundraising, so maybe they should be trained for that
Richard K a bit disappointed that there's no concrete proposal for an actual fundraiser
Aimee S notes a workshop she went to taught that the easiest way to raise money is to ask people directly; events are harder
something we need to work on is how to do things collectively – policies, practices, building on experience
Linda M . . . could we combine fundraising school and campaign school? Fred V suggests it's possible

Candidate-Recruitment Committee (Fred V)

3½ ideas:
send targeted letters to members and leaders of env, union, community organizations we work with – asking them to run
fill in with things we know
must include the platform summary so nobody
another letter, more form-ish, to membership lists urging members to run . . .
(+ ½) and maybe a candidate school to attract candidates as well as training them
target well-known/high-visibility leaders or individuals specifically for the 2008 US Senate race; write/communicate to them
Richard K proposes making fundraising an element of the candidate school – and authorizing \$1,000 in seed money to start it up
bring in speakers/etc. from elsewhere
Ken M asks if this committee will be ongoing as well; Fred V not sure
Art M suggests putting off the authorization of funds for the candidate school until we know better what the money would be for
Richard K willing to start off on that . . . if some others help
as for the letter, Fred V asks if Eric B would help – he says it's not far off what could be an ad in the *Green Light* (he'd help distribute it)
Karen S will help

4:45 - 5:00pm announcements and any other business; adjournment
other officers will spread their words on line . . . otherwise, we're adjourned