



April 9, 2011 CAGP Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dennis Peterson, Donna Shaver, Samiron Dutta, Susan Triplett, George Friday, Nick Triplett, Kathryn Kuppens, Alan Burns

-Nick Reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

-Treasurers Report: Nick reported a balance of \$128 balance.

-It was decided to keep dues at a minimum of \$10 and to continue the ability to request a fee waiver. Vote was unanimous.

-Membership unanimously approved the following officers: Co-Chairs: Alan Burns, Nick Triplett; Treasurer: Kathryn Kuppens; Assistant Treasurer: Nick Triplett; Co-Clerks: Samiron Dutta, Susan Triplett.

- George Friday announced and explained several actions warranting support:

- May 6/7 – protest Duke Energy Board Meeting in Charlotte
- Patriot Act Re-authorization
- NCGP signature gathering campaign

-CAGP will table at Charlotte Clean & Green Festival on April 16, 10 AM-4PM. Nick thanked Ken Davies and Bre Reiber for contributing to the fees for the event. Members volunteered to cover table duties.

-Nick announced the NCGP Spring Gathering on April 29-31 in Pittsboro, NC. Kathryn, Alan, Samiron and Nick announced their intent to attend. Carpooling was mentioned and Nick agreed to coordinate carpooling through the Yahoo Group.

-The Libertarian State Convention (Hickory, April 15-17) will take place in Hickory. The Greens have a chance to table and distribute literature. The Libertarians already have Green Party ballot access petitions.

-Nick explained the ruling by the NC Supreme Court on our ballot access lawsuit. The court ruled against us, determining that collecting ~86,000 signatures was not “significantly burdensome” because the Libertarian Party had achieved ballot access through signature gathering regularly in recent election cycles. Because the court considered the current signature requirements a reasonable burden, they chose not to apply the standard of strict scrutiny to the constitutional questions in the case. Since the court did not apply strict scrutiny, they deferred to the state’s “regulatory interest” in avoiding crowded ballots and voter confusion.

The NCGP will begin earnest efforts to gather the necessary signatures through the use of a paid volunteer effort. We will also support the passage of the Electoral Freedom Act of 2011 currently in the state legislature.

-Nick informed the membership that our web hosting service has become inadequate to support a more modern website. Dennis mentioned several low-cost alternatives. Nick agreed

-Samiron suggested that the CAGP have a convention style meeting to increase public awareness of the CAGP. Nick and Samiron agreed to begin thinking of events or individuals that could create a “draw” for such an event.

-Next meeting was set for July 16. Location and time TBD.