



February 9, 2013 CAGP Meeting Minutes

Attending: Alan Burns, Len Clemmer, Dan Neuspiel, Kathy Koppers, Travis Cagle, Justin Miller, Katie Sloan, Benson Taylor, Ron Rabatsky, Yen Alcala, Stephania Przystanski, Aldona Zembouiz, Johnelle Causwell, Taylor Pagani

Discussed state meeting on April 13. Locations being considered are Beans Vegan Restaurant and Wedgewood Church. Jill Stein will be speaking the night before. We are urging members to help hype her appearance in Charlotte. We are also looking for members who would be able to offer a room or place to sleep to members from out of town.

Alan collected signed petitions to get on the ballot. Petition drive on Friday, February 22 in NODA. Meet at 5:00 on the corner of 36th and N Davidson by Revolution Pizza. Discussed having a petition drive during the St Patrick's Day parade.

Next Green Party meeting 1:30-3:30 Saturday, March 9, at Wedgewood Church

We are bringing issues to the City Council. Alan is working on a proposal pertaining to the purchase of more hybrid cars from the city. He will present it at the next meeting. Other ideas included Immigration Rights, bike lanes, and efficiency in schools.

Possible future projects: urban gardens in vacant lots and buildings.

Duke Energy IRP hearing: a group will be going to the hearing in Raleigh February 11. A second hearing will be held in Charlotte on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 in the County Courthouse. Katie and Alan explained Duke's business plan which includes massive rate hikes and only 2% wind and solar by 2032. Passed out guidelines on how to give an effective testimony. The handout will be posted online.

Move to Amend: Currently working on a resolution to present before the Board of County Commissioners regarding Move to Amend.

Technology: Facebook and Twitter sites have been created and will be linked to the website soon.

Tree plantings: the next several Saturdays will have organized tree plantings around Charlotte. For more information go to www.treecharlotte.org.

We voted to buy more durable flyers, the measure was voted down.

Next meeting we will discuss tabling at music festivals.

Keystone XL Protest. February 17: A group of members will be traveling to Washington DC to attend what is being touted as the largest environmental march in our nation's history. Alan and Ron gave the history and background of the Keystone XL. We are planning protest in Kay Hagan's office because she supports its construction.