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### 1. Introductions

15 were present. 11 were registered Greens. If I remember correctly, three were too young to register to vote at all.

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### 2. Reimbursements

A decision was made to reimburse 50% of reported expenses to the two delegates to the Annual National Meeting that summer, totaling \$669.90.

100% of expenses were reimbursed to Yavapai both for their outreach and organizational expenses (\$99) and for a cable program they hope to air on their local cable access channel (\$100).

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### 3. Roles/Consensus

Claudia gave an explanation of the consensus process and the relevant roles. The roles were volunteered for as follows:

Facilitator: Tim

Notes: Drew

Time: Celeste

Vibes: Linda

Stack: Angel

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### 4. Agenda Approval

Times on the agenda were adjusted for the late start. The modified agenda was then

approved.

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## 5. Reports

Maricopa County Greens have been holding regular meetings. They have 30+ volunteers gathering ballot access signatures. They currently have two organized locals (Mesa Greens and South Phoenix Greens). They did a mailing of post cards for outreach. They recently elected a new county treasurer.

Yavapai is still in the process of organizing. They have been mentioned in the local newspaper three times and interviewed on the radio. They have co-hosted several events and tabled for outreach.

Pima has two local candidates. Dave Croteau is running for mayor and Beryl Baker is running for city counsel on a platform based around relocalization. They have been gathering fewer petition signatures lately. They have 12 precinct captains, have been holding regular meetings, and recently elected a new secretary.

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## 6. Media Committee

The media committee recommends sending press releases every 6 weeks or so and establishing more media relationships. Scotty already sends national press releases and supports more state press releases. Guest editorials are mentioned as being useful locally.

Leenie mentions a trial to get the ball rolling. Volunteers are needed to reach a critical mass. The media committee should be modeled on the GPUS media committee. Doing creative, boisterous work is recommended to gain greater media attention.

Scotty will create yahoo group azgpmcom.

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## 7. Ballot Access Report

20,449 good signatures are required for ballot access. 30,000 total are required to guarantee a reasonable threshold for success. The total as of September 7th was 5,461.

The GPUS ballot access committee is waiting for Arizona to ask for money. At this point a discussion followed, during which the following points were noted:

\$450 is already committed to Yavapai for paid petitioners.

Asking for \$8000 and matching those funds would get 25,000 signatures.

With 50 volunteers gathering 21 signatures per week we would meet the goal. Opposition was noted to paying petitioners rather than volunteers and using matching funds when AZGP needs the money and is already stretched for fund raising work. Using payed petitioners only in smaller counties where volunteer base is smaller was recommended to help build the party in those counties.

Matching by signatures, rather than money, was recommended as an alternative to matching funds.

A 5% result in the presidential race would grant the GPUS millions of dollars from the federal government.

The concern of paid petitioners being unable to properly talk up the Green Party was raised.

A proposal sent to BAC was given consensus support provided it only allowed payed petitioners in Yavapai county.

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## 8. Fund Raising

Currently the treasury holds \$2644.72, minus expenses approved today, plus donations gained today.

The card carrying Green campaign was talked up, keeping in mind that Arizona now gets 60% of funds from it, provided those are labeled as state-driven.

\$220 was raised at the meeting. A goal of \$1000 for next was approved, which is equivalent to \$25 a month from each person present.

There was a discussion of what would be done with state tax checkoff money.

The idea of bartering professional services (where applicable) for donations was presented.

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## 9. Presidential Elections

The role of the AZGP in the presidential nomination process was discussed, including the election and binding of delegates. Drew introduced a preliminary idea and asked for discussion.

The question of including favorite sons and daughters was raised. AZ has final say over who is included. A time line was presented which includes having a full proposal for the next meeting.

There was a discussion of why the vote is so complicated, and simpler alternatives were discussed, including binding all delegates to the top after an IRV vote and running an

STV election. Ultimately the decision on how to conduct the vote itself was held off for later discussion.

The question of the number of delegates AZ would have was raised. That is to be decided by the national committee in an upcoming proposal.

The question of the primary ballot being ranked versus being a single choice was raised. Initially the recommendation was for a single choice, but the benefit of ranking was discussed as an alternative.

The question of how a candidate chooses their own running mate was discussed.

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