

5-27-21 SGGL Membership Notes

Ken – we have had to do some rethinking about the Board since the initial surge when we had over 100 interested participants. Now the hardcore group is not enough to do everything we planned to do, yet still plan to do. The most important thing is getting candidates elected to the City Council that represent good governance. Second, to continue to serve as a watchdog for the City Council and other entities and hold them accountable.

There are always tensions between those who want us to go after certain items right away but then there are those who want a more deliberative approach, We cannot be battling each other. We have the same goals. After the election we can regroup and decide how we want to proceed and recruit active members, financial contributors, and those who want to move forward. Right now we are stretched thin and so we need to focus on the election and undoing the damage that has been caused.

Pat Howard asked if we are going to work on the school board as well? Ken said yes we have a candidate we will be endorsing who is Patrice Johnston. We have had some good people on the Board who have had to step down in order to run for office, which is good and we want to support them.

Eileen checked into the question of getting a booth at the market but we cannot do it as we are considered a political organization and they do not allow the distribution of political campaign information. We're going to coast without chairs right now as board members have stepped up. We are making a concerted effort to get more information out and are focused on the election and getting out the vote. Balance is \$1,536 in the account after Dale paid the insurance.

Candace reported that the Elections committee has a wonderful group and she is working with them to help them get ready. None are in the primary as none of the races have more than two candidates. Will need volunteers to door knock with them for safety. Eileen thanked Candace for stepping up to help.

Ken reported the City Council is skating on thin ice getting right up to the edge of illegal. So SGGL is continuing to be part of the watchdog effort to monitor the meetings. A discussion was held regarding the Hearing Examiner issue and agenda behind it.

Debbie Crumb reported on the NOLS Board of Trustees meeting. Shared document showing examples of how they are practicing good governance including how they handle public comment and commitment to diversity and inclusiveness. They also try to meet in the outlying communities.

Nicole mentioned the special meeting that was called for June 2nd. A question was raised regarding endorsement of candidates and Eileen confirmed that the candidates are known but SGGL is finalizing the list.