Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2026

1. Welcome, introductions, standards, and approval of the agenda (2-5 minutes)
   Present: Brittany Vesey, Jay Teutenberg, Matthew Hutchinson, Don Fitz, Barb Chicherio, Jerome Bauer, Cris Mann, Elston McCowan, Kuma Davies, Susan McCray, Sue Edward, Rita Mauchenheimer, Lauren Filla, Bryan Lamble, Dani Kahn, Meghan Dean

   Minutes were shown, approved with no objections.

   Chair (Matthew) proposed a motion to move the GPUS News update by Kuma to the top of the agenda to allow them to be here for this agenda item. No opposition.

2. GPUS News (Kuma & Cris)
   a. Updates from delegates/alternates (5 minutes)
      Kuma – the discourse on basecamp is pretty bad and members are not showing their best selves on there. Kuma gave context of what set the negativity off in basecamp, stemming from Jill Stein going on a show with Scott Ritter, who has a very controversial background. The argument was between those who said his background is irrelevant, and those who believe it is relevant and it deteriorated from there.

      Barb asked if it is possible that Jill was unaware of Ritter's background. Kuma says that she found that she is involved in his podcast and people are trying to find out more about their relationship. Kuma says currently people are just waiting to see how things turn out. Sue shared of her experience as a delegate that the kind of discourse Kuma saw, is similar to what she saw during her time. Cris agreed that she saw the same toxicity in the discourse as well on the matter.

      Cris- there was discussion about the DSA that was interesting, as well as finding out what people believe the Green Party to be about. The discussion covered libertarians, communism, Marxism, and socialism. Regarding Ritter: he is frequently on anti-war and leftist shows, and mostly because of one of his cases being due to entrapment, but also because of his role during the Iraq war, that's why he seems to be accepted in those circles. There is a DSA chapter within the Green Party now.

      Matthew asked if it is a chapter or if it is a caucus.

      Cris - It will be a new Green Party- friendly caucus of the DSA.

      Matthew said there is a sub-group in the party that believes in Zionism. But to his understanding the GPUS passed a resolution on Zionism as racism.

Jay shared that he thinks Stein should get a pass on doing interviews with questionable people. He doesn't see a way for her to vet all the people she might talk to, and as the saying goes, there's no such thing as bad press. He wouldn't complain if she got interviewed by Bill O Reilly.

3. Committee updates
    a. Finance committee – Treasurer (10 minutes)
    Lauren shared the treasurer's report, nationbuilder has switched to the inactive version for $23/month, Lauren has sent out a message to confirm a meeting for finance committee. Matthew & Courtney will be working on a fundraiser.

    Brittany asked if those transactions were done via Spark contribution page or somewhere else. Lauren responded that they came in from nationbuilder before the switch was made. Nothing has come through from Spark except for the membership due from Brittany.

    Jay asked if we have a new website and if it can take donations. Lauren said she will let that update be made during the technical committee section.

    Cris asked if we could address the Quaker payment now. The payment would be $100 total and would be roughly $25 per chapter. Matthew asked if anyone would be opposed to Lauren cutting the check and the respective chapters sending the payment to her. No opposition. Lauren will cut the check for Quaker House. Jay for mid-Mo will find out what is in their treasury, but the payments would be from GPStL, WESPO, Eastern Ecosocialist, and KCGreens.

    b. Elections committee – Elections Coordinator (5-10 minutes)
        i. Push to overturn ban on ranked choice voting
        "Yes on 6, the rest are tricks" slogan seemed to work as it passed and the important ones did not, which is good news for all of us. St Louis now has ballot access for four more years. Jerome got a higher percentage of the vote, and the county assessor candidates helped out by not campaigning. So, it gives four more years of party building, They are working on recruiting candidates for the county council. They do have ballot access in state house, district 83 until 2028. They have another district to defend in district 7.

        Jerome said the more important thing is to regain statewide ballot access. We will be getting started on this as soon as we can. Jerome plans to run for secretary of state again, we will need to collect

150,000 signatures for this and may need to team up with others to acquire them. Jerome wants to encourage others to run and to start working on it now if they choose to do so.

Sue shared that someone named Winston Apple has filed an amendment to bring back ranked choice voting and suggested Jerome reach out to him and combine efforts. Bryan says he will send Jerome that contact information tonight after the meeting.

Elston asked if there is a plan to have an Elections Committee meeting soon. Jerome says he will work with Bryan to set up a zoom meeting to happen as soon as possible.

Jay suggested MOGP should make a public statement about each of the citizen petition initiatives pending, Winston's and others too. He suggest it be on a webpage.
https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/petitions/2026

Matthew will take a look at this.

Jay commented "it seems like we could have a much harder time achieving ballot access this time around without Nathan Kline, he was quite the powerhouse."

c. Outreach committee – Outreach Coordinator (10 minutes)
    i. Update on press releases & more
    Bryan sent out the resolution on Palestine before tonight's meeting.

    Bryan agreed with Jerome that the elections/outreach plan meeting should be open to all to attend, though it is ambitious, we will have to get creative and strategize how it can happen.

    Jay suggested the use of discord.

    Brittany asked if it is planned for us to go back over the Cuba resolution. Bryan says that may be something covered by Don. Don says the revisions are completed, Morningstar did respond but Bryan hasn't gotten to read it yet.

d. Transition committee – Secretary (5 minutes)
    i. Status of transition to Spark
        1. Email, memberships, contribution page
        Brittany shared that spark successfully allows mass mailings, memberships can be entered and contributions/dues can be

accepted via spark. Jay says he saw errors regarding the payment processor, which he will double-check.

2. Website status
   Brittany stated that the adhoc technical committee will be responsible for creating the new website. Currently the Missouri GP website shows a landing page that shares the individual chapters' websites.

ii. Schedule Spark training 12/6-12/12 for Chapter Rep or other designated Chapter member
Brittany will send an email out gauging availability for this training.

iii. Establishing an adhoc Technical Committee
Volunteer(s): Jay Teutenberg

Matthew suggested that the leader of this committee should be decided by the committee itself. Brittany said that she will not be on that committee. Lauren said we should check in with James on whether he has the capacity to be involved. Matthew asked if Sue had any interest in being involved. She said she has more experience in the end user side and not the back-end.

Jay said we should keep in mind that Square was being chosen because of its simplicity, but that CiviCRM has more capabilities using WordPress. Sue says she could handle QA'ing but she is not versed in the construction of it.

Brittany will send out an email to solicit for volunteers to join that adhoc committee and gauge availability for Spark training 12/6-12/12.

Cris says she can handle simple administrative tasks and that it is good to spread the work so everyone has a part in it.

4. Update on Stein Trial – Don (3 minutes)
   a. Proposal: Send Articles written by Don to all MOGP members
   Don has been in regular contact with Stein and she emphasized the more important thing is to get people to sign on the petition to drop the charges.

   Brittany asked if the petition can be signed by anyone no matter where they reside. Don said it can be signed by anyone.

Don is asking that we send out the articles to membership and to MOGP contacts.

Kuma says she would have an easier time going along with sending out the articles if there was clarity from Jill on her stance regarding Ritter.

Bryan asked for more time to read the articles and to vote via email correspondence tomorrow.

Matthew asked if there is any opposition to the articles being sent out. Kuma expressed opposition. Matthew stated that MOGP members can have until tomorrow at 1PM to review and vote on the proposal being made.

Elston says we should keep in mind that this is not a pure world and that sometimes we may be in rooms with people who are disagreeable & behave badly.

Dani pointed out that Jill is on the board of Ritter's podcast. They emphasized that it is not penalizing Stein but pressuring her to be in alignment.

Kuma shared screenshots of comments made by Ritter previously (shared in an attachment to the minutes).

Lauren stated that ultimately, we just need to get answers from Jill. She asked if they're coming, or if anyone has asked her. Kuma says the email is about people showing their discontent with the situation.

Dani commented "That doesn't mean she can't make a statement. And logistically, how are we, if we are supposed to be responsible for court support through this process, going to get mass support for her in this time without her disavowing that guy and responding to the nationwide greens letter."

Jay commented "I think it's appropriate to try to not limit Jill Stein on who she can interview with. It's important to get our views in front of atypical audiences and not be solely preaching to the choir."

Barb agreed with Lauren that it is more important to hear from Jill directly.

Brittany says per the opposition, are we ruling out entire podcasts like Sabby Sabs then because she's interviewed that man more than once. Kuma and Dani said yes. Dani asked if we are a party that sticks to the principles we espouse.

Brittany asked if we could move on from this item. The CC will have until 1:01 PM tomorrow to read the articles and Matthew will request a yay/nay vote on pushing the articles out to all MOGP.

Lauren is messaging Jill Stein now.

Don encouraged that Greens treat each other in a respectable manner. Jay suggests we need dispute resolution to get rid of the negativity in the meetings. Susan suggested we wait until Kuma is present to have a discussion on this matter. Jay suggested we create an adhoc committee for dispute resolution. Elston volunteered to help Jay with it. Matthew asked Jay to send an email to the chair & secretary to solicit interest in such a committee. Dani also stated they would join such a committee.

Dani agreed that forced mediation does not work. Lauren commented that "Some people do not want to deal with manipulation and they have a right to say no." Lauren commented "I want to go on record as thinking it's inappropriate to imply Kuma is ableist. Again, Kuma gets along great with Jerome and digger."

5. New business (10 minutes)
    a. Establishing an adhoc bylaws committee
    Bylaws need to be reviewed/updated, haven't been updated since 2024. Brittany had originally brought up creating a technical committee with a committee chair.

    Don shared that the CC can create a committee whenever it wants to. He would like to be on the bylaws committee.

    Matthew will send out an email with a request asking for volunteers interested in being on the bylaws adhoc committee.

    b. MOGP Social Media Presence
    Matthew asked people's opinions on establishing a state Instagram account, there was no opposition to this suggestion.
    c. Paying Quakers for Hosting Stein Potluck – addressed during the finance committee report

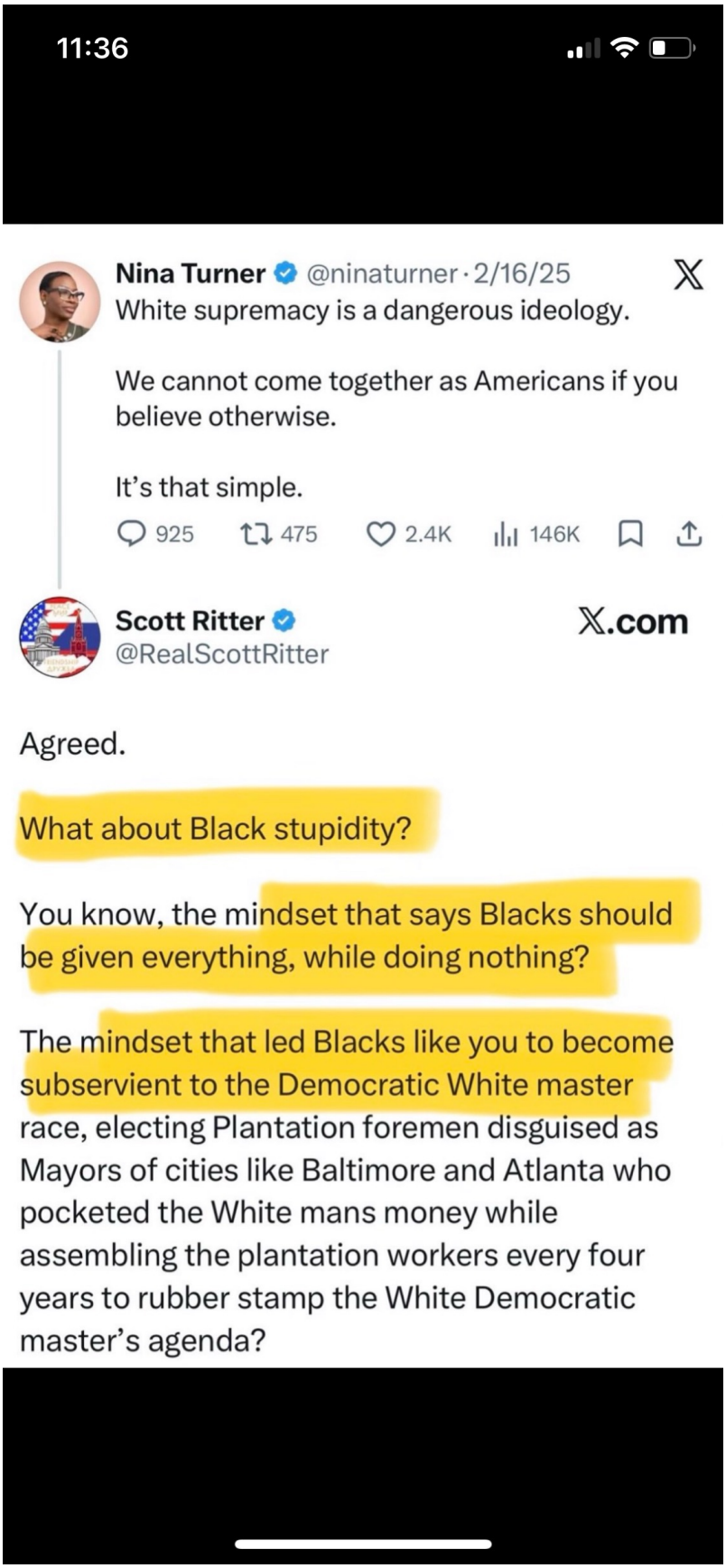
6. Final thoughts (1 minute each)
    a. Upcoming: Pro Trans Rights Resolution
    Matthew says this was sent out Saturday afternoon, they are looking for feedback on it before it goes before the rest of MOGP for a vote.

Elston apologized for earlier comments. Don thanked Matthew for reminding him to be cognizant of pronouns.

Jay mentioned the update of the zoom information being in button form in emails, he asked if it should include the zoom phone numbers & access information for accessibility's sake. He can get it into the new Spark template so it will go out in the emails moving forward. Brittany sent this to Jay via email on 11/15.

7. Schedule next meeting (2-5 minutes)
    a. Date: 12/20/26
    b. Time: 7:00PM

Attachment: Scott Ritter previous comments


11:36
Nina Turner @ninaturner · 2/16/25
White supremacy is a dangerous ideology.
We cannot come together as Americans if you believe otherwise.
It's that simple.
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Scott Ritter
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Agreed.
What about Black stupidity?
You know, the mindset that says Blacks should be given everything, while doing nothing?
The mindset that led Blacks like you to become subservient to the Democratic White master race, electing Plantation foremen disguised as Mayors of cities like Baltimore and Atlanta who pocketed the White mans money while assembling the plantation workers every four years to rubber stamp the White Democratic master's agenda?



I'm against White supremacy in every way, shape, and form.

But I also condemn Black subserviency.

People like you have done more damage to modern-day Blacks in America than the present-day manifestation of legacy White supremacy could ever do.

When I look at a man or a woman, I want to see a man or a woman, regardless of their race.

I don't want to see an abuser who acts upon some sense of race-based privilege.

And I damn sure don't want to see people fully capable of standing on their own two feet playing the perpetual victim card.

You are nothing more than a perpetual victim.

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