

10-23-11 GA

7:00

Welcome, intro

Corey, main facilitator, Jasmine, backup facilitator, Rochelle on stack

Procedural stuff, hand signals, etc.

Trying to phase out Direct Response, Pinkie for Point of Information instead

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Agenda: Committee announcements, proposal announcements, general announcements, 3 proposals

- 1) Spending committee proposal
- 2) Community gardens
- 3) Media/literature distribution

Committee announcements:

Solutions committee: Tuesday at 10 next meeting, see info, Developing Endorsement Criteria, Greed Week March, online proposals area to discuss

Earth Guardians Comm: Arborist gave advice for preventing tree damage, dude liked the ground straw, but we should tie wide webbing to trees and then ropes to webbing. Bring webbing to info or engineering. Q: would intertubes or bike tubes work? A: yeah, bring that to engineering, but for the trees, we need webbing.

Anti-corporate personhood committee: city hall tomorrow 6pm, 3 minutes per person public testimony. 2nd floor rose room

Values and Action Committee: Focusing on underlying values and principals, online forum, Wednesday at 3:30 next meeting

Legal Defense Committee: Keep it peaceful, this is not a party this is a protest, feel free to come to us!

Outreach: at Evergreen Elementary at 8:30 AM tomorrow

Facilitator committee: Restorative listening experiment at 6:30 Monday before the GA

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Proposal Announcements

Meredith: Outreach committee inspires her idea, outreach committee for labor community, occupy your office.

Red hat budget dude: Asks finance committee to come to GA tomorrow to answer questions about transpency.

Emire: Internet is powerful and basic access is a right, net neutrality is good, promote internet

literacy.

Other dude: Proposal to form Gen Assemb committee to take pressure of facilitators

*Tall guy with big hair (Chris): Proposal that OP will no longer accept money, only physical and labor donations, aka no Person Webpage or Canvasser use OP's name to get cash, use of wish 503-839-0632 Jorden

Black Beret dude: Some finance people are creating a non-profit in the name of OP, including an anonymous board of directors. Proposes that if any entity is to be formed using the name of OP in a variety of ways, it must be decided by the GA. Mic check from the crowd: a 501c3 is still a non-profit, a 501c4 has the power to lobby

Guy with cane, hunger striker: Did it in the 60s, hunger strike for 10 before, 20 days now, we have just begun. He's all for the no money things just proposed. He proposes that we connect with New York, like the Declaration of Occupation of NYC, I want us to ratify the NYC Declaration. Back in 3 days.

abest@sva.edu she is from new York, OWS, she can send you the Declaration of OWS/NYC 908-930-1008

Homeboys homeboy: Encourage your friends to come speak at the GA, idea/proposal: Everybody can do five minutes of dishes/sweeping, the little stuff takes the load of others, do stuff that you're good at

*Hoodie dude: Proposal, one person from each committee should be at each GA to answer questions.

*Cameron: Been here since day 1, lotsa gratitude, our spirits have not yet been killed despite our society. Concerned that we will not be able to grow. For our safety, fire code etc...I propose that we support this camp and movement by expanding into more territory. We are not here to be comfortable. We need to be in solidarity with all these other cities that have been raided. There has been talk of expanding into PSU or Waterfront. To the East and North we are invisible. I propose that this Saturday we seize (Jamison) in NW and (Holladay) in NE. Other options could be considered. We need tarps, sleeping bags, signs, people, voices. Open forum tomorrow at 4:30. Cameron Whitten 571-332-8823, adoculos@rocketmail.com #occupysaturn, next to Garden

*Titus: Talking about the fire marshall rearrangement, don't do it without a vote. We should have a discussion before we change up our tents.

Girl from Virginia: Wants to talk about our camp, our differences, and how we can network nationally.

Tie-die shirt: Wants to hear who has a job, who works less than 30 hr/wk, less than \$10 an hour. IWW is here to help you learn how to make your work experience a little better. Invite to check them out, online.

Quiet dude: Let's be selfless

7:45

Proposals procedure discussed.

First proposal of the night, Spending Committee:

This proposal is for the formation of a spending committee, this is the 3rd time proposing. Amended

1000 down to 750. Knows that there is some contention regarding finance committee. There were about 30 people at a meeting regarding finance committee. Contentious meeting. Dude wasn't satisfied with their meeting. Proposal:

A spending committee be formed with one person from each existing committee, charged with distro of all money.

Spending committee makes weekly budget.

Any budget can be rejected by GA. All decisions over 750 approved by GA. All monies received shall be transparent and public. See info for detail on proposal.

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Clarifying qs

- 1) If it's less than 750, it doesn't have to be approved by the GA? Seems like new committees could be formed to exploit this. Answer: new committee would have to be approved by the GA. This prop only works for committees that already exist.
- 2) What's even up with existing committees? There are like 60 committees already. They were never approved.
- 3) Don't committees have to vote on how to spend money? Answer: spending committee controls all dollars.
- 4) How does the general public find out what is approved for spending? Answer, it's all open to the public. The spending committee would have a week to decide stuff.
- 5) Where will the budget be kept after the meeting? Answer: finance raises funds, keeps an eye on it, taxes, etc. It's transparent, you could find the budget online or at info booth.
- 6) Is there a point for the GA to give input on the spending? This spending committee is completely transparent.
- 7) Time and place for the budget meetings? Answer: The spending committee will figure that out, then tell the GA what they figure out. It all has to go through the GA.

Concerns:

- 1) Do people have to go to GA to object to budgets? Answer, join a committee. The finetuning is up to the spending committee.
- 2) My concern is that adding another committee and dividing the committee already in existence and bringing in the reps from other committee is unnecessary, we could assimilate other committees into the finance committee already.
- 3) Too convoluted with all the committee stuff.
- 4) I think this proposal sets a good precedent for what kind of governance in the future.
- 5) How do we get away from money?
- 6) Explain why we are doing this for people who missed the previous discussions on this topic:
Proposer: I was on the finance committee. I am a fundraiser/grant writer. I was blocked, the funding information was not public. They were not at liberty to discuss. Decided with others that it would be a good idea to take the money back. None of the finance people live at camp. Finance meeting at 4:30, still no full disclosure, FC said they needed to talk to their attorneys, answer on Saturday. DR: I was at the meeting, my impression was they were unable to tell us cause of the massive amounts of data, they needed some time, not to talk to a lawyer.

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Evolution/Discussion:

- 1) I would like to amend that the committee meetings be posted two days in advance, anybody who wants to observe be allowed to be there. Warm twinkle consensus. Added.
- 2) In support: any effort toward transparency is good. There is a non profit being setup behind our backs, FC already spent 1,500 of our money on tax lawyer, we need to immediately pass a proposal that lets us regain control of our own spending. That's why I support this proposal. PolInfo: Finance rep said that that 1,500 was spent from personal pockets, not OP money. PolInfo: It's true that that was claimed, but there's no information or verification provided to prove the truth of that.
- 3) When the FDA was around, food and drugs got grandfathered in. Amendment for special GA to approve which committees/people join the Budget Committee, in four days. Added.
- 4) Amendment to have 90% consensus at Spending Committee meetings. Added.
- 5) Amendment: the membership requirements, anyone can join the spending committee, after observing 3 spending committee meetings. Q: What is the function of that? A: It gives freedom for individuals to join. Concern: People who want to participate would be on committees anyway. Concern: My concern with FC, they aren't here, they aren't transparent. Concern: It opens us to anyone from the outside world from joining our spending committee and taking it over. Not added.
- 6) I've been working in the kitchen. I'm stunned about finances running opaquely, that's why we are here to make sure that doesn't happen.
- 7) Amend, disband the existing finance committee, temp check pretty hot. Facilitator...what about implementation? Will be proposed later.

Restatement with amendments. Discussion.

Proposal passes! Huge consensus.

Proposal number 2: OP advocates for community gardens. Work with community on developing a more secure and sustainable food system.

CQ: what's the proposal exactly? A: implementation suggested, add community garden plot to library cards, also have OP work on gardens to feed us in the future. CQ: what's the action? That OP be in support of Community Garden efforts, and have a work group. CQ: We need big spaces and volunteers because we can feed the whole city if we have enough space.

No concerns. Amendment: seek space, ask the community for space, add language to ask Portland for space. A few points are made in support. Suggestion to grow grains in addition to fruits and veggies. Suggestion for language for public lands. Amendment to ask Portland for space.

Proposal passed!

General announcements:

- 1) Laura, this week Tuesday at noon, listening and venting circle at Terry Schunk.
- 2) Everybody should smile. Derrick, lives in a tent, a rat crawled across the street. Teaches breathing techniques, teaches laws of light/laws of chemicals conversion, thinking of starting a class, the mind can tell us so much but unless the body opens up, we can't communicate. Just ask me for lessons if you see me. Get more info. We have so much abundance. Love.
- 3) Ella, first GA, a little confused, exciting! She'll be back.

- 4) I'm Jen, let's talk about the finance committee.
- 5) Jasmine, on Sunday, Portland Rising Tide is hosting a series of workshops, about a bunch of cool stuff. Info booth, portlandrisingtide.org. On Monday Oct 31, we will raise Zombie to go to coal funding banks to warn them about climate change. 1 o'clock on Monday, zombification station at the obelisk if you want to be a Zombie. Makeup will be provided if you need it.
- 6) Dude met a guy named Roger, he talked about many problems, had been in an asylum, dude wants people to talk to Roger, wants to get a march together, also, dude wants to make the choir bigger, there are a lot of closed minded amateurs, I want to organize all the people with ID's to go to the library. But I need names and summaries from people. Meet at the veteran's tent in the corner of alpha.
- 7) Mitch is from the wellness tent, an area to calm down, send people who need to calm down to the wellness tent, Reiki, listening, etc.
- 8) Beautiful story. Three people and a coffee press is how the coffee thing started. Please bring mugs if you want coffee.
- 9) Mario: I don't do arm bands or whatever, I'm on twitter, I sweep and take out the garbage when I can, we gotta do this together, grow the pack, outreach, it's a sick society, we don't want to ostracize anybody, much love.