**Zigeunerinnen Board Meeting Notes**

**February 10, 2017**

Location: John and Amy’s

Start Time: Approx. 745p

Memebers present:

* Melanie Cale
* Mike Banks
* Kevin Gooss
* Amy Ewing
* John Ewing
* Dustin Martin
* Stephanie Cimillo
* Bettina Sullivan
* Robyn Chandler
* Call to order – John Ewing. John reviews the agenda example and general rules of order.
* Nominations and votes for elected officers (all approved):
  + Secretary – Bettina
  + Stephanie – Accountant
  + Chair – John
  + Vice-chair – Robyn
* Terms of meeting and voting
  + Motion to require 50% of elected officials and at least 4 other members to have a meeting and vote on issues - passed
* Membership requirements
  + Motion to require a $5 membership fee per year to be considered a member - passed
* Required votes to pass motions
  + Motion to require a majority of members present to pass motions – passed
  + Discussion included the inclusion of ‘skype’ or ‘facebook live’ attendees. General agreement on this issue.
* Term limits and conditions of elected officials
  + Motion to limit terms of elected officers to 6 months – passed
  + Discussion to table further restrictions or procedures for the election of officers
* Committees:
  + Protest Committee – to identify and organize Zgroup supported protests, specifically the Science March/Earth Day March – Melanie and Robyn – passed
  + Mission Statement Committee – Amy and Stephanie – passed
    - Discussion to include non-violence and member support (including local election issues in other member’s districts).
    - Kevin identified methods of resistance including non-violence, social change, meeting with elected officials, connecting with other organizations. (expand?)
    - Melanie and Bettina discussed Indivisible Richmond and their mission. Utilizing Tea-party tactics for resistance and staying connected with them.
  + T-shirt/Logo Committee – Mike to design – passed
* Old Business:
  + Focus Topics: Environment and Voting Issues
    - Mike has a contact at New Virginia Majority for voter registration
    - Robyn has a contact at Headcount for voter registration
    - Discussion included volunteering with these groups for voter registration and utilizing their existing knowledge vs recreating it.
    - Potentially including helping people get to polls and/or getting the proper identification
* New Business:
  + Volunteering/Social Outreach:
    - Discussion regarding a positive mission addressing social issues. Discussion included addressing homelessness in Richmond and adopting/support an immigrant family.
    - Robyn already has an organization to help and clothe the homeless and will provide information to the group for participation.
    - General support for immigrant support and Stephanie has contacts in this arena. Will research and provide additional information at the next meeting.
    - Robyn noted that she has a venue for fundraising. Weekend days are great for this.
  + Education Opportunities:
    - World Affairs Council of Richmond – Robyn and Melanie are members and can get tickets. Next one is February 20th
    - Virginia legislature information: LIS.virginia.gov (general assembly information, Code of Virginia, and regulations)
    - Richmond Sunlight website: https://www.richmondsunlight.com/
    - Anne – John trying to arrange for education on the General Assembly
    - Mike to contact friend regarding voting issues
    - Ann Bloomsburg is having a meeting on March 7th @ 1806 Grove Ave. Zgroup members invited. Time?
  + Local elections:
    - General discussion that since many of us are in different General Assembly districts and US House districts that we would, as a group, support each other’s issues.
  + Group Name:
    - Zigeunerinnen – was used in a comment on Robyn’s facebook page.
    - Kevin expressed concern that it could be considered offensive and does not want to start off with an offensive name
    - Bettina expressed that it’s like taking back a derogatory word and likes “Zgroup”
    - Kevin to research and present at next meeting
* Next Meeting:
  + Stephanie’s House (10216 Woodman Road); February 24th at 6pm
* Meeting adjourned at 9:19p