

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present for the meeting were Chair Harold Thomas, Vice Chair Dustin Nanna, Secretary Jon Mohler, Treasurer Linda Comstock, and members-at-large Cory Combs, Helen Gilson, Joe Langenbrunner, Homer Taft, and Kristen Wichers. 9 of 9 members present. Quorum is 6 of 9.

Also present were Tricia Sprankle, Patrick Glasgow, Kyle Pierce, and Jim Cavoli.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:44 AM. Mr. Mohler called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Mr. Taft disclosed that he works for River Properties Company

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Mohler moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Nanna seconded the motion to approve the meeting agenda, and the motion passed without objection.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Mr. Taft moved to approve the minutes as written and publish them to the LPO website. Mr. Nanna seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and it passed without objection.

**V. BUSINESS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEETINGS:** No business was conducted since the previous meeting.

**VI. OFFICER REPORTS, ACTIVITY UPDATES, & COMMENTS**

**A. Treasurer Report:**

- i. Ms. Comstock presented the treasurer report.
- ii. Ms. Comstock stated that 1 additional check was outstanding - a \$235 check for petition delivery fee
- iii. Ms. Comstock stated that she checked with the insurance underwriter and confirmed that the party has \$1M liability coverage that will extend to cover liability insurance for county fairs.
- iv. Mr. Thomas stated that he has 2 expenses to report, totaling \$96. The relevant expenses were \$60 in postage in sending letters to lifetime members inviting them to the candidate rollout event and \$36 for petition storage during the LP National Convention.
- v. Mr. Nanna moved to reimburse Mr. Thomas for his expenses. Mr. Taft seconded. The motion to reimburse Mr. Thomas was approved unanimously via voice vote.
- vi. Mr. Taft moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Ms. Comstock. Ms. Wichers seconded. Motion to approve passed without objection.

**B. Secretary Report:** No report

**C. Vice Chair Report:** No report

**D. Chair Report:**

- i. Mr. Thomas reported that over 102,000 signatures for ballot access were submitted to Ohio Secretary of State. The Secretary of State sent a certified letter on 12-July-2018 stating that 60,294 of the submitted signatures were valid, including at least 500 valid signatures from all 16 Congressional Districts. In this letter, the Secretary of State officially recognized the LPO as a minor political party for the purposes of the November 2018 election.

- ii. Mr. Thomas stated that the party has received a good amount of media coverage for the ballot access petition turn-in.
- iii. Mr. Thomas stated that he has been consulting with Mark Brown regarding potential protests that may be filed against the ballot access petitions.
- iv. Mr. Thomas stated that the party has been working with Ken Moellman on collecting and validating the ballot access signatures for the Irvine/Grayson gubernatorial ticket. Homer Taft and Michelle MacCutcheon will also be forming a gubernatorial ticket and collecting signatures as a backup ticket.
- v. John Stewart will be donating some office cubicles and chairs to the LPO office. Ms. Comstock reminded the committee that this will be an in-kind donation from Mr. Stewart and, as such, will require an invoice from Mr. Stewart with a valuation of donated items.
- vi. Mr. Thomas asked Ms. Comstock to inquire with Continental Management about cost and availability of additional storage space.

## **VII. DIVISION REPORTS**

### **A. Field Development Division Report**

- i. Ms. Gilson presented the Field Division Report.
- ii. Ms. Gilson noted that regions have been realigned and regional director positions have begun to be filled by regional liaisons.
- iii. Ms. Gilson noted that regional picnics have been scheduled for the Central Region (8/4), Northeast Region (8/11), and Southwest Region (8/25). The Northwest and Southeast Region dates are still pending

### **B. Finance Division Report**

- i. Mr. Taft presented the Finance Division report and reminded the committee that the full report is available on basecamp
- ii. Mr. Taft stated that he is working on contacting larger donors for fundraising purposes.
- iii. Mr. Taft stated that he is contacting volunteers to build out the Finance team.
- iv. Mr. Taft stated that he is working with Field, Political, and IT to investigate options for gathering contact information and reach out to known supporters of the party.

### **C. IT Division Report**

- i. Mr. Cavoli presented the IT Division report
- ii. Mr. Cavoli stated that he completed an informational assessment of the current state of the IT infrastructure of the party.
- iii. Mr. Cavoli stated that a big issue currently is the difficulty or impossibility of users updating their own contact information. The proposed fix is a designed refresh of the site. Refreshed site is completed and running on the test site. The emphasis is on signed-in/signed-out state of users with the ability for users to edit their own data.
- iv. VoteFreeOhio.com will be the candidate page for the 2018 election and is ready to be built out.

- v. Mr. Cavoli stated that he is working on a Ohio Politics Podcast for the future. This is not a priority over campaign cycle and is not expected to launch before the election.
- vi. Mr. Cavoli stated that his primary focus in the short term is to enable robust campaign support for the current election cycle. This includes phone banking, workstations, and anything else that will provide direct support to candidates.
- vii. Mr. Cavoli informed the committee that NationBuilder "may make use of" the data stored on it. This is a potential concern. Other CRM's are being investigated, but the vetting of specific solutions will not take priority over campaign support.
- viii. Mr. Taft inquired how much money the IT Division might need to accomplish goals for this election cycle. Mr. Cavoli responded that most expenses will be after the election cycle. Phone banking will incur some cost based on usage rates, but nothing significant.

**D. Political Div. Report:**

- i. Ms. Sprankle presented the Political Division report.
- ii. Ms. Sprankle stated that since the ballot access petition was approved, many new prospective candidates have been coming in and being vetted.
- iii. Ms. Sprankle asked the Executive Committee to consider if they know any potential candidates for Deputy Legislative Director.
- iv. The Irvine gubernatorial campaign will present a data share agreement at some future date that will cover data sharing, media list sharing, and office space sharing.

**E. Communication Division Report:**

- i. Mr. Thomas presented the Communication Division report.
- ii. Mr. Thomas stated that there has been various media coverage of the ballot access petition turn-in and thanked Mr. Jackson for his effort in coordinating this media outreach.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2018 National Convention Wrapup**

- i. Ms. Comstock stated that convention was a success. There were 36 delegates in the OH delegation. There were no issues with vote counts from delegates.
- ii. The national convention was very excited at the announcement of the OH ballot access petition turn-in.
- iii. Ms. Wichers requested that before the next convention, parliamentary training be provided for delegates.
- iv. Mr. Nanna reported the need for numbered ballots for the next convention if an electronic voting system is not implemented by the national party. Having numbered ballots will improve the efficiency and accuracy of voting.

**B. Other old business - No other old business**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Retain Mark Brown as attorney for possible litigation





- H. The meeting was called back to order at 4:50 pm, with Mr. Nanna chairing. Mr. Thomas and Ms. Comstock were no longer in attendance.
- I. Review budget and create 2018 aspirational budget
  - i. Mr. Taft explained the need to aspire to a larger budget if the party wants to run a large slate of candidates
  - ii. Mr. Taft moved to allocated \$4,500 from the ballot access petition account to political, \$3,500 to communications and \$1,000 to field. Ms. Wichers seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- J. Other New Business
  - i. Mr. Thomas rejoined the meeting and resumed chairing.
  - ii. Appointing Kryssi Wichers as Deputy Vice Chair
    - 1. Mr. Mohler moved to appoint Kryssi Wichers as Deputy Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. Mr. Combs seconded. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
  - iii. Mr. Mohler moved to ratify the appointment of Kyle Pierce to Deputy Secretary. Ms. Wichers seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
  - iv. Mr. Thomas created a Youth Liaison committee chaired by Mr. Nanna and consisting of Ms. Wichers, Mr. Wichers, Mr. Combs, Mr. Langenbrunner, Mr. Butler, and such other people as they may deem appropriate. Mr. Thomas further directed the committee to create a charter and report back to the Executive Committee at the August 4 ExCom meeting.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm.**