

ATTENDANCE:

Present at the start of the meeting were Chair Harold Thomas, Secretary Jon Mohler, Treasurer Linda Comstock, and members-at-large Helen Gilson, Joe Langenbrunner, Homer Taft, and Kryssi Wichers. 7 of 9 members present. Quorum is 6 of 9.

Also present for the meeting were Tricia Sprankle and Trishanda Barhorst.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:46 AM.

II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

- A. Mr. Taft disclosed that he works with River Properties Company.
- B. Mr. Taft disclosed that he is working with Ohio Families for Change on legalizing marijuana.
- C. Ms. Wichers disclosed that she is working with Sensible Ohio and Represent.us.
- D. Mr. Langenbrunner disclosed that he is the Ohio representative to the Free Republic of Liberland.
- E. Mr. Thomas disclosed that he is representing the LPO at Ohio Center-Right Coalition in Columbus.

III. Vice Chair Dustin Nanna joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- A. Mr. Taft asked to insert a discussion of petitions and ballot initiatives after the 2019 Budget item.
- B. Ms. Comstock asked to insert a discussion about 2019 office lease before the 2019 Budget item.
- C. Mr. Thomas asked to allocate time for Trishanda Barhorst to present after Business Conducted Between Meetings.
- D. The agenda was approved as modified without objection.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Deferred until next official meeting.

VI. BUSINESS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEETINGS: None.

VII. Ms. Barhorst gave a presentation about her role in the Larry Sharpe NY Gubernatorial campaign.

VIII. OFFICER REPORTS, ACTIVITY UPDATES, & COMMENTS:

- A. **Treasurer Report (Ms. Comstock):**
 - i. Ms. Comstock presented the Treasurer's report.
 - ii. There is \$2,981.19 in the US Bank Account and \$499.82 in PayPal as of 7-December-2018.
- B. **Secretary Report (Mr. Mohler):** No Report.
- C. **Vice Chair Report (Mr. Nanna):** The LNC had a budget meeting the weekend of 1-December-2018. There was talk of charging states to use the new CRM. The CRM fee didn't happen in the end; the LNC cut LPNews down to a single issue instead. The LNC passed a balanced budget. Mr. Nanna suggested considering sending some money every month to LP National if we use their new CRM.
- D. **Chair Report (Mr. Thomas):**
 - i. On Tuesday 4-December-2018, Columbus-area LPO volunteers gathered to join LNC Chair Nick Sarwark's conference call. Takeaways from the call included

stressing the need for fundraising and candidate training events planned for 2019.

- ii. The Ohio Election Commission had a hearing on 6-December-2018. The Commission dismissed the LPO complaint. There is no other outstanding litigation regarding ballot access or debate inclusion.
- iii. Mr. Thomas stated that he had been working with Ken Moellman on a package for electoral reform in Ohio. The Ohio Green Party is expected to cooperate with this.
- iv. Tricia Sprankle resigned as Political Director. Mr. Thomas appointed Patrick Glasgow Political Director to replace Ms. Sprankle. Mr. Thomas appointed Ms. Sprankle Political Division Deputy Director of Candidate Training and designated her Office Manager.

IX. Division Reports

A. Political Division Report

- i. Mr. Glasgow presented the Political Division Report.
- ii. Candidate Recruitment for 2019 is ongoing, as is statistical evaluation of 2018 general election.
- iii. Mr. Glasgow stated that local candidates need to check local law regarding requirements for petitions – there are often local idiosyncrasies that candidates need to comply with.
- iv. Mr. Glasgow is discussing with Jeff Daly the expectations for a tentative appointment as Deputy Director for Candidates and Campaigns. The search for further deputy directors, including Deputy Legislative Director is underway.
- v. Searches for Regional Political Director are underway for the 3 regions that do not have one. The main responsibility for this role will be recruiting candidates for local races.

B. IT Division Report

- i. Mr. Cavoli filed the report in Basecamp but was not present to present the report.

C. Communication Division Report

- i. Mr. Jackson did not submit a report.
- ii. Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Jackson was working on getting press coverage out of the Ohio Elections Commission complaint.

D. Events Division Report

- i. Mr. Jenkins did not submit a report.
- ii. Ms. Gilson stated that she will contact Mr. Jenkins about the 2019 conference and will provide guidance.

E. Field Development Division Report

- i. Ms. Gilson presented the Field Division Report
- ii. CDG's in Clermont and Jefferson counties are expected to apply by early 2019.

F. Finance Division Report

- i. Mr. Taft presented the Finance Division Report.
- ii. Nate Rockwell and Jennifer Flowers are working with the Finance Team.

- iii. Calls are going out to significant donors.
- iv. Aaron Harris is open to fundraising on a commission basis.
- v. No response from Kevin McGuire on the possibility of him fundraising for the LPO.

X. Special Committee Reports:

A. LPOAction.org Website – Cory Combs

- i. Mr. Combs was not present.
- ii. Mr. Nanna stated that Mr. Combs had mentioned attaching the internal website to the current lpo.org domain might be the best solution.

B. Social Media Policy – Jon Mohler: Mr. Mohler stated that meetings were ongoing and draft language had been developed. The final proposed language will be submitted to Basecamp when the committee has finished.

C. Youth Liaison – Dustin Nanna: Mr. Nanna stated that everyone should take the survey from the LNC Youth Engagement Committee. The results of this survey will help direct activism at the state level.

D. Standard Operating Procedures Rewrite: Mr. Thomas requested that Mr. Mohler send out an email to the Division Directors, the Central Committee Chair, and the Central Committee Secretary directing them as to their responsibilities for the SOP rewrite. Mr. Mohler stated that he would send the email out and would include a link to the current working SOP document.

XI. Old Business

A. Planning for 2019 Conference:

- i. Mr. Nanna stated that later in the year would be better for attendance.
- ii. Mr. Taft suggested between April and August would be a good window to consider. Mr. Taft suggested considering a multi-state event – this would increase attendance and speakers. Centering the conference around tax day or 4/20 could be a themed event to increase turnout.

XII. New Business

A. Should Ohio Join the LP CRM?

- i. Ms. Gilson stated that the LPO should sign onto the LP CRM and send LP National the same amount that we currently spend on NationBuilder.
- ii. The consensus of the rest of the committee was that joining the LP CRM was a good idea.
- iii. Mr. Thomas set a deadline of December 22 to send an export of NationBuilder data to LP National. Ms. Gilson will contact Mr. Cavoli and ask who should do the NationBuilder export.

B. Lease renewal

- i. A lease renewal notice has been supplied to the Party. The renewal needs filled out and returned.
- ii. Rent for a 12-month lease will increase from \$600 to \$615 per month.
- iii. Ms. Comstock had inquired about internet access in the Buckeye Room. The LPO may put equipment in the Buckeye Room, but Continental has no plans to.



- iv. Ms. Comstock stated that she will make a motion in Basecamp to approve the 2019 lease.
- v. Mr. Taft requested that the Party tried to negotiate the guaranteed availability of the Buckeye Room throughout the duration of the lease.

C. 2019 Budget and Aspirational Budget

- i. Mr. Taft stated that clarification is needed to define how money is spent out of state candidate and federal candidate accounts.
- ii. Mr. Nanna stated that, per the LNC Treasurer, if the LPO pays the LNC for use of the CRM, that money needs to come out of the Federal Account.
- iii. Tentative figures were discussed for each Budget Line, along with aspirational figures for each line and the reserve level. Mr. Thomas stated that he will compile the final budget proposal and will make a motion on Basecamp.

D. Mr. Thomas directed Mr. Taft, Mr. Mohler, and Ms. Wichers to determine how to recruit and utilize interns and to report back at the January meeting.

E. Ballot Measures

- i. Mr. Taft talked about a Ranked Choice Voting ballot measure. He stated that this would need to be a combined effort, not just the LPO.
- ii. Mr. Thomas asked committee members to prepare for the January meeting a 10 minute presentation about an issue and potential partners that the Party might pursue.

XIII. Set the next ExCom meeting date and location: The next ExCom meeting was set for January 5, 2019 at 10:30 am.

XIV. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.