

ATTENDANCE:

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

Also present for the meeting were Jim Cavoli and Patrick Glasgow.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- A. Ms. Comstock requested to add a motion to renew lease under old business
- B. Ms. Comstock requested to add a motion to renew PO Box under new business.
- C. Mr. Nanna moved to approve the agenda as revised. Mr. Taft seconded. The motion passed via voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- A. Mr. Taft moved to approve and publish the November minutes. Ms. Gilson seconded. The motion passed via voice vote.
- B. Mr. Taft moved to approve and publish the December minutes of the committee of the whole meeting. Mr. Nanna seconded. The motion passed via a voice vote.

V. BUSINESS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEETINGS:

- A. The 2019 Budget was adopted on Basecamp
- B. The LNC CRM was adopted on Basecamp
- C. Clermont County Development Group was approved on Basecamp with Cory Combs as the County Development Coordinator.

VI. Joe Langenbrunner joined the meeting at 10:42 am.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS, ACTIVITY UPDATES, & COMMENTS:

A. Treasurer Report (Ms. Comstock):

- i. Ms. Comstock presented the Treasurer's report.
- ii. There is \$3,255.09 in the US Bank Account and \$778.39 in PayPal as of 4-January-2018.
- iii. Ms. Comstock filed the FEC Finance Report for the LPO Federal Account
- iv. Ms. Comstock filed the Ohio Finance Reports for the General and State Candidate Accounts
- v. The LPO received a check for \$1,200 from the old Hamilton County Affiliate
- vi. Ms. Comstock contacted Scott Pettigrew about discontinuing the Evoice account. Jim Cavoli will investigate the Evoice account and recommend the future direction.

B. Secretary Report (Mr. Mohler): No Report.

C. Vice Chair Report (Mr. Nanna): No Report

D. Chair Report (Mr. Thomas):

- i. Mr. Thomas is working to set up a lobbying team under the political division.
- ii. Mr. Thomas attended a meeting of the Ohio Center-Right Coalition in December. This group is primarily focused on fiscal issues. The Libertarian Party

was well accepted at the meeting. Other members of the lobbying team will attend the January team.

- iii. Central Committee Chairman Don Kissick put out a call for Executive Committee elections. Need to communicate the elections to all contacts. Mr. Thomas will direct David Jackson to send out a notice of election via email.

VIII. Division Reports

A. Political Division Report

- i. R. Glasgow presented the Political Division report. The report is on available on Basecamp.
- ii. Trishanda Barhorst has been appointed Deputy Political Director for Legislative Affairs.
- iii. Partisan candidate recruitment is underway to test ballot access.

B. IT Division Report

- i. Mr. Cavoli presented the IT Division report.
- ii. The timeline for LNC to complete LPO's integration into the CRM is around February. Jim is pushing to have it completed in January so LNC CRM and Basecamp can run in parallel for a while
- iii. LNC is considering charging \$0/month for standard subscription, \$90/month for enhanced subscription, and \$180/month for premium subscription. Enhanced provides more frequent data updates and 3 hours/month of prioritized support. Premium provides 2 additional support hours/month in addition to the Enhanced offerings.
- iv. Some CRM features still need developed; Mr. Cavoli is following up on these.
- v. It is possible to drop NationBuilder from "Business" to "Leader" accounts and change to monthly billing. That would keep the monthly cost about the same and allow NationBuilder to remain active for a transition period while migrating to the LNC CRM
- vi. Mr. Cavoli is working on office IT infrastructure.
- vii. Basecamp renewal is \$1,000 due January 28.
- viii. Mr. Taft stated he is considering donating a conference phone. Mr. Cavoli confirmed that this would be useful.

C. Communication Division Report: Mr. Jackson did not submit a report.

D. Events Division Report

- i. Division Director position vacant after Mark Jenkins' resignation.
- ii. Mr. Thomas appointed Michael Fricke 2019 Conference Chair

E. Field Development Division Report

- i. Ms. Gilson had no official report.
- ii. Mr. Thomas asked Ms. Gilson to develop a CDG reporting schedule by region, along with format of the reports and to report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- iii. Mr. Nanna motioned to reserve the amount of the check from the old Hamilton County Affiliate for future Hamilton County use. Ms. Gilson seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

- iv. Mr. Taft motioned to restrict future donations from County Groups for use by that County. Such funds are to appear in the Treasurer's report earmarked as such. Use of the funds by the County group should be requested by a standard expense report. Mr. Nanna seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

F. Finance Division Report

- i. Mr. Taft presented the Finance Division report. The report is filed in Basecamp.
- ii. Mr. Taft is crafting a request for every Central Committee to give recurring donations to the Party.
- iii. Mr. Taft has interns lined up to help with Finance Division work.

IX. Special Committee Reports:

A. LPOAction.org Website – Cory Combs

- i. Mr. Combs was not present.
- ii. Mr. Cavoli stated that idea behind the lpoaction.org website should be rolled up into the existing lpo.org website. Mr. Taft mentioned that we might want to restrict access to certain items, and we might need to just use Basecamp for this.
- iii. Mr. Thomas dissolved the special committee chair by Mr. Combs and delegated further action to Mr. Cavoli.

B. Social Media Policy – Jon Mohler:

- i. Mr. Mohler presented the following recommendation from the special committee:

We recommend the following policies be adopted in the Social Media Policy of the LPO:

- 1. The primary purpose of official Party Social Media accounts is to promote and facilitate conversations that educate and inform people about the LPO. As such, all social media posts from official Party accounts should have that as the main focus.***
- 2. In accordance with the LPO Inclusiveness Policy, there is zero tolerance for any discrimination from official party accounts.***
- 3. When using official party Social Media accounts, be respectful and avoid obscene or vulgar language. You are representing a political party, not just yourself.***
- 4. Do not promote or imply support for non-LPO-endorsed candidates.***
- 5. Do not promote yourself from official Party Social Media accounts.***

Furthermore, we recommend the following as best practices whenever feasible to implement:

- 1. Wherever practical, posts and comments should be tagged with non-linking attribution to the author of the post or comment.***
- 2. Wherever practical, county and local accounts should have 1 or more party officials as administrators to ensure perpetuity. Such administrative access should not be presented to the existing county or local group as mandatory or overbearing from the state party.***



- ii. Mr. Nanna motioned to adopt the Social Media Policy as presented by the Social Media Special Committee. Mr. Taft seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote with Mr. Mohler stating that he abstained.

C. Youth Liaison – Dustin Nanna: No report.

D. Standard Operating Procedures Rewrite:

- i. Mr. Mohler sent out an email to Directors and CentCom Chair and Secretary informing them of their responsibility to update the appropriate sections of the SOP.
- ii. Mr. Mohler will integrate existing directives into the Policy Manual and will continue reminding Directors to update their sections.

E. Recruit and Use of Interns: Mr. Taft stated the committee will present a policy, best practices, and standard intern agreement after they have developed them.

F. Communications Plan: Mr. Thomas will follow up with Mr. Jackson.

X. Old Business

A. Renew Lease

- i. The Buckeye Conference room will remain a public conference room and the Continent has no issue with the LPO putting wireless access in Buckeye Room.
- ii. Mr. Taft moved to authorize renewal of the current lease at \$615 a month for the next year. Mr. Mohler seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

B. Planning for 2019 Conference:

- i. Michael Fricke has been appointed Conference Chair and needs direction.
- ii. Michael Fricke will report back concrete progress by the next ExCom meeting
- iii. Mr. Taft has reached out to Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan who all have early 2019 conventions about having a multi-state conference.
- iv. Mr. Taft motioned to hold the 2019 conference in Toledo on a weekend not earlier than May 24 and not later than June 30, but not the weekend of June 14-16 which is Father's Day. Ms. Gilson seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.
- v. Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Taft to advise and assist Michael Fricke in securing a location, speakers, and schedule.

C. Presentations of issues for which LPO endorsement and support are desired

- i. **Ease party/candidate ballot access:** Mr. Taft presented a preliminary plan to form a coalition with other groups to help ease ballot access for candidates.
- ii. **Ranked-choice voting:** Ms. Wichers presented. She stated that she has been working with represent.us for about a year, focusing on local RCV. Represent.us is a good organization that will help if others want to pursue this in other cities.
- iii. **Simplify initiative petitioning, and enable county initiatives:** Mr. Taft presented a preliminary strategy to simplify petitioning.
- iv. **Legalization of Marijuana:** Mr. Taft presented. There is an existing petition from Ohio Families for Change. They are starting over due to problems with their existing signatures. They are looking into changing the current language.

- v. Mr. Thomas stated for the record that the LPO supports pursuing these issues in principle and encourages activists to get involved in issues they are passionate about.

XI. New Business

A. Renew PO Box

- i. Mr. Taft moved to renew the PO Box for a year. Mr. Langenbrunner seconded, and the motion passed without objection.
- ii. Ms. Comstock stated that mail forwarding from Tiller Lane will end on January 29, 2019.

B. Resolution on Authorization to Spend Funds and Maintain Reserves

- i. Mr. Taft moved to set the 2019 reserve at \$3,000 combined in all accounts, less whatever is held specifically for Counties. Mr. Nanna seconded and the motion passed via voice vote .

- ii. Mr. Taft motioned the following:

In cases where the actual balance is below the remaining annual budget, expenditures of budgeted funds, subject to reserve and excepting contractual obligations, require the consent of the appropriate Division Director, the Executive Committee Treasurer, and the Executive Committee Chair. The Treasurer shall record the approvals of the Division Director and Executive Committee Chair.

Ms. Gilson seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

- C. Ballot Status Contingency Plan:** Mark Brown is preparing to file lawsuits in case ballot access is denied for 2019 and 2020.

- D. Resolution for Support of Liberland:** Mr. Langenbrunner motioned the resolution below. Mr. Nanna seconded. The motion passed 5-2 as shown below:

Name	Vote
Linda Comstock	Yea
Helen Gilson	Yea
Joe Langenbrunner	Yea
Jon Mohler	Nay
Dustin Nanna	Yea
Homer Taft	Present
Harold Thomas	Nay
Kryssi Wichers	Yea

WHEREAS, The Free Republic of Liberland (Hereinafter "Liberland") was proclaimed on April 13, 2015 upon Terra Nullius; A parcel of land unclaimed by any other nation or private entity since the dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1991 and;

WHEREAS, Liberland meets the criteria for statehood as codified in the Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States; A treatise which has been ratified by The United States of America and;

WHEREAS, Liberland's Constitution and systems of governance have been established with significant guidance from the writings of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and other founders of The United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, Liberland is committed to be a catalyst for economic development, free trade and investment both within her borders and throughout the Balkan region, and;

WHEREAS, The primary domestic function of Liberland's government is the preservation of the inherent natural rights and individual liberties of Her citizens, residents, visitors and guests, and;

WHEREAS, Welcoming Liberland into the community of nations will further the vision of The Libertarian National Committee, to secure the freedoms of self-determination to all peoples; now, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That The Libertarian National Committee encourages the further development of Liberland and the efforts of Her government and citizens to establish a new partner in guaranteeing the rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The Libertarian National Committee does hereby express regards to The President of The United States, The Secretary of State and the distinguished men and women of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and The House Committee on Foreign Affairs and respectfully request their consideration in the recognition of the Free Republic of Liberland.

XII. Set the next ExCom meeting date and location: Ms. Gilson moved to set the next ExCom meeting for February 2, 2019 11:00 am. Mr. Taft seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote. Mr. Mohler stated that he would be unable to make the February 2 meeting.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.