

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Also present were Mark Jenkins and Patrick Glasgow.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:55 AM.

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

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

**IV.** Joe Langenbrunner joined the meeting at 9:57 AM along with Kyle Pierce. 7 of 9 members present. Quorum is 6 of 9.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- A.** Mr. Taft noted that the minutes from the previous meeting incorrectly stated that Mr. Thomas motioned to retain Mark Brown, when in fact it was Mr. Taft who made that motion. Mr. Mohler corrected the minutes,
- B.** Ms. Comstock moved to approve the minutes with the revision and publish them to the LPO website. Ms. Gilson seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and it passed without objection.

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

**VII.** Vice Chair Dustin Nanna joined the meeting at 10:05 AM. 8 of 9 members present. Quorum is 6 of 9.

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

**A. Treasurer Report:**

- i. Ms. Comstock presented the treasurer report.
- ii. Ms. Comstock requested a list of county fairs with attendances over 100,00 for purposes of allocating funds for county fair booths as approved in the 9-June meeting.
- iii. Mr. Taft noted that the party needs to be careful about distinguishing between funds in the State candidate account vs the general funds account, especially with regard to accepting donations.

**B. Secretary Report:** No report

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

**D. Chair Report:** Mr. Thomas noted that the petitions for all statewide candidates have been certified by the Ohio Secretary of State.

**IX. DIVISION REPORTS**

**A. Political Division Report**

- i. Deputy Director Patrick Glasgow presented the political division report
- ii. Mr. Rodriguez has been terminated as deputy legislative director
- iii. Local candidates have been certified by their respective boards of elections.
- iv. 2019/2020 candidate recruitment underway, suggested training for campaign managers and treasurers in 2019. Deadline to file petitions for nonpartisan races in 2019 is August 2, 2019.

- v. Events are being scheduled with statewide candidates

**B. IT Division Report: No Report**

**C. Communications Division Report**

- i. Mr. Thomas presented the communications division report.
- ii. Mr. Jackson is working on a contingency plan in case of bad PR for the party from candidates.
- iii. Mr. Jackson is working on media coverage and cultivating media contacts.

**D. Events Division Report**

- i. Mr. Jenkins presented the events division report.
- ii. Mr. Jenkins stated that he is currently looking for a deputy director
- iii. The events division is currently focused on supporting regional picnics
- iv. Mr. Nanna suggested that Mr. Jenkins begin planning an election results watch party for November.

**E. Mr. Combs joined the meeting at 10:57am.**

**F. Field Development Division Report:**

- i. Ms. Gilson presented the Field Development Division Report.
- ii. A professional fundraiser and a professional speechwriter have volunteered their services to LPO campaigns
- iii. There is an applicant for deputy field director, and Ms. Gilson is hoping to meet the applicant in person soon.

**G. Finance Division Report:**

- i. Mr. Taft presented the Finance Division Report.
- ii. Mr. Taft stressed the need for fundraising activity.

**X. Special Committee Reports**

**A. Campaign Literature**

- i. Mr. Nanna presented.
- ii. Kieran O'Se has a basic literature design completed. After the candidate slate is finalized by the nominating committee, Kieran will finalize the literature so printing can begin.
- iii. Mr. Taft suggest hotcards.com for printing due to inexpensive price and quick delivery.

**B. lpoaction.org website**

- i. Mr. Combs presented.
- ii. Mr. Combs will register the lpoaction.org domain and speak with Mr. Cavoli about building the website

**C. Social Media Policy**

- i. Mr. Mohler presented.
- ii. Meetings are ongoing. The committee is on track to have language to introduce at the September meeting.

**D. Youth Liaison**

- i. Mr. Nanna presented.
- ii. Not much activity yet, will report back at September meeting.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mr. Taft moved to enter executive session to discuss Cuyahoga County CDC. Motion was seconded and passed without objection. Executive session began at 11:30am. Executive session ended at 12:06pm
- B. Ms. Gilson moved to resolve the following:
- i. "While the Libertarian Party of Ohio strongly supports free speech, David Macko's statements relating to race and gender do not represent the principles of the Libertarian Party of Ohio, and the matter should be taken up by the LPO Central Committee."
  - ii. Mr. Nanna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- C. Mr. Taft moved that the Executive Committee chair should draft a letter to Mr. Richard May calling on him to cease unauthorized use of party branding and resources. Ms. Gilson second. The motion passed via voice vote with Mr. Mohler objecting.
- D. Ms. Wichers left meeting at 12:14pm
- E. **Renew LPO Service Mark:** Mr. Thomas directed Mr. Mohler to start a thread in Basecamp displaying the marks that the party needs to protect and to solicit feedback.
- F. **Create Budget Line for Events Division:** Ms. Gilson moved to merge the "Annual Awards" and "LPO 2019 Conference" line items in the LPO budget, create a new line item called "Events" with the sum of the two old lines, and additionally to re-allocate \$200 from "Field Dev." to "Events. Mr. Combs seconded. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
- G. Mr. Thomas directed Mr. Nanna to request funding for literature from Political Division's budget via Ms. Sprinkle
- H. Campaign Planning
- i. What the Party should do for candidates
    1. Mr. Taft suggested the party begin robo-calling for statewide candidates
    2. Mr. Thomas suggest to work through David Jackson and Kelli Rodin to develop a coordinated social media campaign
    3. Mr. Taft suggested that Midwest Direct might be a good resource to employ
  - ii. Expectations of the Political Director, Deputy Political Director for Candidates and Campaigns, and Regional Political Directors
    1. Printed slate cards, data sharing, use of office
    2. Help finding campaign manager and key volunteers for their campaigns
- I. **Other New Business:** None

XIII. The next ExCom meeting was set for September 22 at 11:00 am.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 12:39 pm.**