



Libertarian Party of Ohio
Executive Committee Meeting Notes
July 27, 2019

Present: Harold Thomas, Homer Taft, Linda Comstock, Dr. Michael Fricke, Kryssi Wichers, Elizabeth Thomas (via phone), Patrick Glasgow. (7 of 9- quorum is 6 of 9 and has been reached)

Also present: Michael Sweeney, Tricia Sprankle, Jim Cavoli, Robert Coogan

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:31AM. The secretary confirmed that a quorum is present.
- II. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Ms. Thomas states that she works with the League of Women Voters.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
 - A. Mr. Taft moves to allow 20 minutes for the reports. Mr. Glasgow seconds, and the motion passes.
 - B. Mr. Sweeney's discussion of communications is moved ahead of divisions reports. Mr. Taft moves to accept and Dr. Fricke seconds. The motion to accept the amended agenda is approved.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes for the June 8, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting have been shared prior to this meeting. The minutes were approved with no objections. Minutes are available on Basecamp and the LPO website.
- V. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEETINGS:** The motion to direct Tricia Sprankle to send a cease-and-desist to the PAC in Cuyahoga County & Richard May was unanimously approved. The motion reads as follows: "Since you resigned at the beginning of 2019 as County Development Coordinator for Cuyahoga County and your resignation was unanimously accepted, we must request you cease using Libertarian Party of Ohio assets, name, service and trademarks and contact assets obtained in that capacity. In particular, you have gained administrative access to Libertarian Party of Ohio -- Cuyahoga County and other Facebook page assets and improperly blocked other Libertarian officials from access. You need to return administrative control of those assets to the LPO persons previously identified to you, including Kelli Rodin. As you appear to have made abundantly clear over time, Cuyahoga Libertarians PAC is not affiliated with and does not support the Libertarian Party of Ohio, includes leadership that apparently rejects the Libertarian Party and excludes libertarians from participation with whom you disagree. While all persons are free to hold whatever political opinions and associate with whomever they choose, you are not permitted to appropriate our name and symbols and Confidential Information in doing so. We request your prompt reply and return of Libertarian assets."



VI. OFFICER REPORTS:

A. Treasurer Report:

1. Ms. Comstock noted that the full report is available on Basecamp. She reviewed a summary of the report:
 - a) \$4121.55 total at the end of June.
 - b) Rack card costs came from the political budget. Costs were paid to North Coast Printing.
 - c) \$20 for refreshments came from the ExCom budget.
 - d) Mr. Taft moves to accept the budget and Ms. Wichers seconds. The budget passes via verbal vote.

B. Vice Chair Report:

1. Ms. Gilson is excused from the meeting today. There is no vice chair report.

C. Chair Report:

1. Mr. Thomas was present to give the chair report:
 - a) The LPO has received modified gun rights rack cards and new general cards for distribution at events. Future literature will be the responsibility of communications.
 - b) The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled in favor of Rob Bender's campaign and he has been returned to the ballot.

VII. DIVISION REPORTS:

A. Social Media Division Report:

1. Mr. Nanna is excused from the meeting today. There is no social media report being presented, but he did state that the report is available for review on Basecamp.

B. Events Division Report:

1. Dr. Fricke was present to review the events report:
 - a) The proposal for the preferred weekend for 2020 convention has reached central committee quorum on Basecamp.
 - (1) Dr. Fricke has started contacting sites. He would like to start presenting options by September 13.
 - (2) Locations are being scouted along I-71 between Mansfield and Columbus.
 - b) Mr. Thomas asks Dr. Fricke to develop a protocol to work with presidential candidates for events on short notice.
 - c) Dr. Fricke announces Cassaundra Fryman as his new deputy events director.

C. Field Division Report:



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1. Ms. Thomas gives a brief field report:
 - a) Most of the regional liaisons are unable or unwilling to host a regional picnic for this year. Ms. Thomas asked for thoughts on holding one central picnic this year and Mr. Taft was opposed. Mr. Taft suggested a picnic for the north and a picnic for the south. It was agreed that we would have a north picnic, a central picnic, and a south picnic.

D. Finance Division Report:

1. Mr. Taft is present to give the finance report:
 - a) Mr. Taft states that we need all of the data for donations. There has not been a data dump to Nationbuilder in months.
 - b) He is requesting that LPO in the Know asks for donations, but we need to ask for volunteers before asking for cash.
 - c) Mr. Taft has the donor lists and he is still developing resources.

E. Political Division Report:

1. Mr. Glasgow is present to give the political division report.
 - a) He states that he is still seeking a deputy, but every director is looking for a deputy right now.
 - b) For the 2019 election, we have two candidates running as libertarians- Rob Bender and Brandon Bobbitt. Our other candidates are in nonpartisan races.
 - (1) Nonpartisan candidates are still trickling in, as the filing deadline is August 7.
 - (2) Mr. Glasgow is not actively recruiting for nonpartisan races.
 - (3) To date, no candidate has been endorsed by the LPO.
 - c) The 2020 election plan has been posted to Dropbox.
 - d) Mr. Glasgow would like to see candidates in every congressional district in order to force primaries. He would also like to develop methods to disavow candidates not affiliated with the state party.
 - e) Mr. Glasgow would also like to seek out regional political directors.
 - f) We should be targeting state races in places with no incumbent.

F. IT Division Report:



1. Jim Cavoli was present to give the IT report.
 - a) Dropbox and Mailchimp can now be eliminated.
 - b) The CRM is ready for moving information over, and NationBuilder will start winding down.
 - c) Mr. Taft questioned if work would be done to eliminate duplicates in the new CRM.
 - d) Mr. Cavoli stated that the sequence for the move would be to move key data to NB first, then migrate from NB to the new CRM. He stated that he would get information to ExCom and the directors within the next couple of weeks.
 - e) Ms. Comstock asked if the directors had been questioned about their data needs. M.r Cavoli stated that we will keep a backup copy of NB data, and that what we have now meets current needs.
 - f) Chat and Publications functions have been moved for review.

G. Communications Division Report:

1. Nathan Weise was not present for this meeting, but provided a report prior to the meeting. Mr. Thomas reviewed the report and had no further comments on the content of the report.
2. Mr. Thomas has a target completion date of the website guidance document in about a week.
3. Mr. Thomas asked what we need to get better at creating video. Mr. Cavoli responded that we need some equipment and manpower to edit content.
 - a) We also need volunteers for graphics, social media, print media, and copy writers.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Concerns Over Communications Division:

1. Michael Sweeney states that he isn't clear on what communications should be doing, as there is no clear description of the role.
 - a) Mr. Thomas replies that it is in the SOP, and that he will try to get David Kim to update the LPO website.
 - b) Mr. Thomas also states that there is an overlap in responsibility when it comes to coverage of local candidates between the campaign team and communications director. He is working on a plan intended to set standards and provide greater accountability.



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IX. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

- A. The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2019 at 11AM at the LPO office.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:45PM