

LPNC Executive Committee Meeting
October 31, 2015
Minutes

In attendance: JJ Summerell (chair), Brian Irving (vice chair), Ralph Lake (treasurer), Windy McKinney (secretary), Tom Hohman (at-large member), Tim Cole (at-large member), Lonnie Holcomb (at-large member), John Gregory Vincent (Communications Director, non-voting member) and Brad Hessel (non-voting member)

Absent: Kenneth Penkowski, Brian Lewis, Jeremy Hussey, Jess Dunlap and Chris Dooley.

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order at 11:27 am. The agenda and the minutes from September 19, 2015 were approved. No online votes were taken.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair to comment as meeting goes, in order to save time.

Treasurer' Report: JJ updating Quickbooks using information made available on One Drive. Presently, we have \$2100 on hand, with approximately \$600 in monthly incomings and \$200 in monthly outgoings. Ralph Lake to take over finances as treasurer with return from vacation in December.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No university relations report.

County Affiliate Coordinators' reports: only Western region reporting – new affiliate Buncombe County now has a treasurer and regular meetings, Windy McKinney to attend and organize the long standing but fading Catawba County meetings on 11/17, Windy McKinney has organized another Watauga County meeting on 11/20, and is working on an Iredell county meeting. Burke, Haywood and Henderson counties are maintaining organization.

Communications Director's report: John Vincent indicated that the website looks good, but wants to restructure outgoing emails to those who sign up to the website. MOTION made to amend the first outgoing email to build relationships first, and ask for money later - passed unanimously. ACTION: to work with Brad Hessel on those emails so that they are putting newly interested folks in touch with local affiliate before asking for money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No strategic planning committee report.

No 2016 state convention report.

Platform Committee: Barbara Howe has stepped down as chair. Ken Penkowski to take over her position. ACTION: JJ Summerell and Ken Penkowski to discuss the inclusion of John Vincent on

platform committee as part of his role as Communications Director.

OLD BUSINESS:

No change with regard to vacant positions.

No report on LPNC membership card.

Events:

1- La Fiesta del Pueblo – Brian Irving recommends using the 2016 event as a campaign event. His report is on the G Drive in the file for 2015-10-31.

2 - State Fair – Brian Irving suggests using this for outreach only in 2016. However, if it is to be a fundraiser, we need to have a plan for fundraising. His report is on the G Drive in the file for 2015-10-31.

3- Libertarian presidential debate – committee weighed pros and cons of hosting a debate among Libertarian presidential candidates, with Brad Hessel as moderator. John Vincent made a MOTION to host this debate, with Lonnie Holcomb seconding. It passed with 5 ayes and one opposed. ACTION: Brad Hessel to organize the technology needed for hosting an online debate.

NEW BUSINESS:

1- Candidate recruitment and support policy – 50 days to recruit candidates for 2016. G Drive has documents related to the “3C” approach advocated by the LP Texas, which allows candidates to choose a reason to run – to Challenge, for Choice, or for Change. Brian Irving made a MOTION: “MOTION: That the LPNC adopt this policy (G-drive file) for recruiting and supporting candidates, specifically focusing on candidates for the N.C. General Assembly”. This discussion included giving all candidates access to the Nationbuilder database, campaign materials and “vote Libertarian” signs. Tom Hohman seconded. Motion passed unanimously. ACTION: all EC members to work to find candidates across NC for the General Assembly.

2- Brian Irving's MOTION: Shall the LPNC allow unaffiliated voters to vote in Libertarian primaries? Aye or Nay (yes or no). NOTE: If this motion fails, then Libertarian primaries will be closed and the Chair will so notify the SBOE. shall the LPNC allow unaffiliated voters to vote in Libertarian primaries? Seconded by Windy McKinney, the motion passed with 4 in favor and 2 opposed.

3- NC Presidential Primary – Background information is on the G Drive. Brian Irving has 2 motions on this issue:

a. List of candidates. Under HB373, the LPNC must provide a list of candidates to be listed on the ballot for the March 15 N.C. Presidential Primary to the SBOE by Dec. 16. We also need to provide contact information.

MOTION 1: That the list of candidates we submit to the SBOE for the March Presidential Primary

include those candidates listed by the LP website as of Dec. 1, and any other individuals the Chair deems worth of inclusion. This was seconded by Lonnie Holcomb, and passed unanimously.

b. "Winner-take-all" provision. The provisions of this bill requires that party delegates to the national convention support the candidate certified as receiving the highest number of votes until one convention nominating ballot has been taken. However, it also allows the state party to determine that this provision does not apply if it conflicts with party rules.

MOTION 2: That the LPNC Executive Committee determines that Section 1.(i) conflicts with Libertarian Party rules and therefore does not apply to the North Carolina delegates to the Libertarian National Convention, and that the Chair should so notify the SBOE. This motion was seconded by Ralph Lake and carried with 5 ayes and one opposed. ACTION: JJ Summerell to notify the SBOE of this conflict.

4 – Tom Hohman made a request for candidate training module to be available to candidates to help them use Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. ACTION: Brad Hessel to consult Rachel Mills.

5- Discussion was had regarding an online store for LP merchandise. ACTION: JJ Summerell to discuss this with Ralph Lake and Tom Hohman further.

6- Tom Hohman suggested putting action items on a calendar for completion. ACTION: Brian Irving to put action items on Google Calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51.

Next meetings: December 12th and January 23rd.