

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 26, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 1:34, at the residence of Bruce Martin, Middle Island, NY. Present were committee members Kevin Delaney, Doug Greene, Bill McMillen, Bill Stocker, Phil Clark, Bruce Martin, and Ludwig Vogel. Also present were John Chodes, Clay Conrad, Bob Goodman, Vicki Kirkland and Gary Johnson.

NAT COM REPORT

Vicki Kirkland reported on the National Committee Meeting held in White Plains, December 2-3, 1990. Basic members paying no dues will not be considered in delegate allocations for the national convention. Discussion of the financial condition of the national party took place. A budget for 1991 was adopted. Salt Lake City was accepted as the convention site for 1993. The next meeting will be in Atlanta, April 28-29. Anyone interested in being on platform or by-laws committees should contact Vicki.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Stocker presented the report (copy attached.) Following discussion, Bruce Martin moved to accept the report. The motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Copies of the minutes from the October 14, 1990, meeting had been circulated; the reading of them was dispensed with. Following discussion concerning the recording of Clay Conrad's membership drive proposal, a correction was suggested for page 2, paragraph 5, line 3: that the word "concept" be underlined or highlighted in such a way as to de-emphasize a reading of the minutes that would indicate that the Committee's action was nebulous. Ludwig Vogel moved that the minutes, thus corrected, be approved. The motion passed.

REGIONAL REPORTS

in his assembly notes
Jeff Russell reported that there were 36 members of the Albany Chapter for 1990; 18 had already renewed for 1991. John Munteer received about 2% of the vote. Kevin Delaney attended a debate on drugs. Libertarian literature on the 2nd Amendment was distributed at a gun show in Albany. Scott Silber is considering a run for local office in Valley Falls this fall.

Vicki Kirkland reported that at New York City's successful November convention Dottie-Lou Brokaw and Gary Johnson reported on the

at the NYC City Convention
election. Another speaker was a woman from Russia who described herself as libertarian.

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE'S REPORT

Gary Johnson reported that his appearance on the Howard Stern talk show might have been responsible for his obtaining three times more votes in the broadcast area than did the Libertarian Party presidential candidate in 1988. He noted that the New Alliance candidate spent \$400,000 for 31,000 votes. Bill McMillen mentioned that Gary Johnson had received more votes (24,611) than any previous NY gubernatorial candidate. Jeff Russell had obtained the results from all statewide races and made them available.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Delaney listed the members of the committee to work on a plan to involve the state party in more political activities: Bill McMillen, Bruce Martin, Ludwig Vogel, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Norma Segal, Audrey Capozzi. He also listed the members of the committee to develop approaches to issues to be used as criteria for evaluating candidates: Doug Greene, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Doug Willinger, Gary Johnson, Warren Raum. The idea for these committees came from a suggestion by Phil Clark.

Doug Greene reported that he had talked with Perry Metzger who was ready to go with Free New York, but had voiced concern about a possible conflict with Clay Conrad's membership drive program.

Clay reported that his data base was set up and he was waiting for national and regional membership lists from Perry. He also indicated that he saw no conflict between his first membership effort and the initial issue of Free New York. Kevin gave Clay a printout and disk of the national list with 1033 records. Questions then arose as to whether the state party had an arrangement with Clay, since the details had not been arranged by Clay, Bill Stocker and Kevin, as was stipulated by the committee at the September meeting.

After noting that to be successful, the committee must look upon its responsibility as that of running a successful business, and objecting to the nebulous charges with which members leave meetings, Bruce Martin moved that the committee reconsider two items approved at the September meeting: the funding and authorization for Free New York, and the arrangement with Clay concerning membership. Bill McMillen seconded the motion. Clay stated that he felt he already had an arrangement with the committee.

Following much discussion, Bill McMillen moved to call the question concerning the Free New York portion of Bruce Martin's motion. The motion passed. The committee then voted not to reconsider the membership drive proposal.

the chair can't decide by vote

Bill McMillen subsequently moved to defer the reintroduction of Free New York until after the state convention. After discussion, amendments to the motion were accepted. The motion was passed to defer publishing Free New York until shortly after the convention; to prepare a convention brochure to be mailed first-class between March 8 and March 22 together with the initial membership renewal solicitation; and for the Chair to prepare a mailing for late February to update those on the mailing list as to state party activities, the date of the upcoming state convention as well as its business purpose and rules, and the election results of the state committee during the past year.

NEW BUSINESS

The White Plains Hotel was selected as the site for the state convention, with a date of May 18, subject to availability. Vicki agreed to work on location and planning. Bill McMillen agreed to work on the program. A reception the evening of May 17 for the announced candidates for the presidential nomination was discussed, as was a business meeting to be held the morning of May 18 from 9:30 to noon.

John Choades began discussion concerning the importance of the NYC office. Vicki and John agreed to solicit contributions toward its funding. Phil Clark moved to continue funding of the NYC office through the month of the next state committee meeting to the extent of \$150/month. The motion passed.

Bill Stocker discussed the commingling of state, city and campaign funds, and then moved that the state party give the city party a \$900 credit for telephone bills incurred during the gubernatorial campaign. The motion passed.

Vicki moved that the White Plains Hotel be paid \$228.50 for additional expenses incurred in December when the party hosted the National Committee meeting. The motion passed.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 18, 1991, at the State Convention. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02.

Wheatley Bergen, Secretary
--from notes taken by Bill McMillen

Approved:

① Treasurer's Report?
② Gary Johnson's report
by whom?
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Memorandum regarding minutes of meeting;
Libertarian Party of New York
Saturday January 26, 1991
Site: Residence of Bruce Martin
Middle Island, New York

Meeting called to order at 1:34

Present: Kevin Delaney, Chair
Doug Greene, Vice Chair
Bill McMillen, Vice Chair
Bill Stocker, Treasurer
Lou Vogel, At-Large
Bruce Martin, At Large
Phil Clark, At Large

Other: Bob Goodman.
Jeff Russell
Vicki Kirkland
Clay Conrad
John Chodes
~~Lou Vogel?~~

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Gary Johnson

Absent: Wheatley Bergen, Secretary
Tom Nichols, At Large
Doug Willinger, At Large

Secretary's Report postponed at suggestion of Bill McMillen to allow those interested to have time to read the written minutes being circulated.

Treasure's Report postponed to allow time for Bill Stocker to get his files organized as he had just arrived.

Nat Com Report - Vicki Kirkland.

1. Reported on the changes in LP Membership structure as adopted at the National Committee Meeting held in White Plains on December 2nd and 3rd, 1990.

Of note is that basic membership which pay no dues are not considered in arriving at delegate allocation by states for national convention.

Affiliate Party should sell Basic and Subscribing Memberships only.

(An Explanation of the LP Membership Structure was presented by Vicki and a copy of Vicki's report on this should have been sent to Wheatley by now; however, the information is as presented subsequently in an article in LP News Page 4 of the February 1991 issue.)

2. Discussion of Carol Ann Rand's being locked out of the Georgia Gubernatorial Campaign Debate.

3. Discussion took place regarding financial condition of the national party and a budget for the 1991 was adopted.

4. Discussion of and selection of convention sites. Salt Lake City was accepted for 1993. The timing of the 1996 Presidential Nominating Convention was discussed and it was decided that the convention would be held in the year 1996. This is different than in the past when the convention was held a full year before the convention in order to meet election law requirement in certain states which require an early qualification process with a previously identified candidate. This is thought to put the Libertarians at a disadvantage and the National Committee is planning law suits to challenge these restrictions.

5. The next National Committee meeting will be in Atlanta April 28-29. Anyone interested in being on platform or by-laws committee's should give their name to Vicki and/or inform other members of the national committee of their desire.

6. Vicki indicated that she is not interested in another term on Nat Com.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and discussed:

1. The question arose as to how the City happen to owe the State party \$2403. While the bulk of this was payment by the state of both state and city portion of the rent at 225 Lafayette Street. Other numerous items in both directions make up this amount. Bill Stocker said he could supply anybody with a schedule of the history of this amount if need be.

2. A liability labeled suspense for \$700 was questioned. Bill explained that, for a period of time, the New York City party was using the state bank account; and that he did not have an explanation for certain deposits made to the account. Such monies could belong to the city or could possibly be, in part, payment to the state for state or national memberships collected by the city.

Discussion developed over the propriety of co-mingling of city and state funds and Bill Stocker acknowledged that it was a situation he would prefer not occur and that the city is again using their own banking facility.

Discussion about the current arrangement for sharing of rent developed, and was informally tabled until later in the meeting.

Bruce Martin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the report was so accepted.

Secretary's report: The report which had been circulated was not read. Bruce Martin raised a question about the paragraph concerning the Membership arrangement and expressed dissatisfaction in general in that the a motion was passed at the September meeting which did not result in any action being taken. Discussion at to what action had been taken ultimately centered around the word "concept" which is either (a) a good idea which we endorse in a general fashion or (b) a definitive endorsement of an idea, the details of which needed specificity. Bill McMillen who had participated in the September discussion and moved for the acceptance of the arrangement stated that the motion was specific in that it assigned named individuals to work out the specific details of an arrangement whose concept appeared to have the support of the committee. A suggestion that the word "concept" be underlined or highlighted in such a way to de-emphasize any reading of the minutes that would indicate that the committee action was nebulous.

Lou Vogel moved that the minutes be accepted in accordance which such change and so it was.

Regional Reports:

Jeff Russell gave an Albany report:

36 members of the local for 1990, 18 have already renewed their membership for 1991.

John Mounteer received about 2% of the vote.

Kevin Delaney was attended a debate on drugs.

Libertarian literature on the 2nd Amendment was being distributed at gun show in Albany this weekend.

Scott Silber is considering a run for local office in Valley Falls, NY this fall.

Vicki Kirkland gave a New York City report.

The November city convention was declared successful. Gary Johnson and Dottie-Lou Brokaw gave a report on the election. Through the assistance of Norma Jean Aldomovar, they were able to arrange a speaker from Russia, who identifies herself as a libertarian. Vicki explained that their is very little understanding of free-market economics in the Soviet Union, and that one should not discourage those whose identification of themselves as libertarian is based solely upon personal liberties issue, and having never had the luxury of making choices which would define their position on economic issues.

Gubernatorial Candidate Report:

Gary Johnson reported that his appearance on the Howard Stern talk show may have been responsible for his obtaining 3 times the number of votes in the broadcast area than the Libertarian Party Presidential candidate in 1988. He also reported that Lenora Fulani, the New Alliance party candidate had spent nearly \$400,000 to get 31,000 votes.

Bill McMillen noted that Gary Johnson received more votes (24,611) than any other previous Gubernatorial candidate in New York State and congratulated Gary on his effort.

Gary Fed-Ex'ed story and a picture to newspapers throughout the state during the week before the election. Election for all statewide offices were obtained by Jeff Russell and was available for members of the committee.

Old Business:

1. A Phil Clark suggestion made and approved at the last meeting was discussed. Chairman Delaney presented a list of members of two committees to work on a plan to involve the state party in more political activities. The first committee would be charged with developing proposals as to ways to involved and is made up of:

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| Bill McMillen | Dottie Lou Brokaw |
| Bruce Martin | Norma Segal |
| Lou Vogel | Audrey Capozzi |

A second committee would be charged with developing approaches to issues that we would present or use as criteria for evaluating candidates - as a part of Phil Clark's plan was to express opinions on stands taken by candidates of other parties. The second committee consists of:

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| Doug Greene | Gary Johnson |
| Dottie Lou Brokaw | Warren Raum |
| Doug Willinger | |

2. Free New York:

Doug Greene talked to Perry Metzger and that he is ready to go, but is concerned about the mailing of Free New York be in conflict with the arrangement with Clay regarding the membership. Concern was expressed as to whether or not Perry was ready to proceed or just making excuses, as the recollection of most people contributing to the discussion was that there was no tie in to the said issue of Free New York and the membership drive. The minutes of the September meeting indicated that Free New York would be out in about

30 days, the membership discussion was not specific as to when it would make its first mailing.

Further discussion was tabled until after Clay Conrad presented the status of the membership drive effort.

3. Membership Drive Program.

Clay reported that he has his data base set up and is waiting for a state membership list that Perry was supposed to supply him, a national membership list and regional membership list. He indicated that their clearly was no tie in with the initial Free New York and his first membership effort because he had indicated at the September meeting that he would have limited time for the effort until January.

Kevin was able to give Clay a print out and disk of the national list containing 1033 records.

Questions arose as to whether the state party has an arrangement with Clay Conrad as the details to the agreement which were to be worked out between Bill Stocker, Clay Conrad and Kevin Delaney after the September meeting had not as yet been arranged.

Bruce Martin objected to nebulous motions and charges which members leave meeting with, having no sense of duty or responsibility to do anything. He stated that to be successful, we must look upon our responsibility as that of "managing a business". He concluded with a motion to reconsider two items approved at the September meeting (a) the funding and authorization for "Free New York" and (b) the arrangement with Clay Conrad concerning membership. Bill McMillen seconded the motion to reconsider,

The next discussion concerned procedures for proceeding. How do we vote on this motion, separately or together. Clay Conrad stated that he felt he had an agreement already; and that a vote to reconsider would effectively nullify our acceptance of the offer he made in September; and he wasn't sure he would make the offer again. Comments were also made about the reliability of Perry Metzger to deliver on what he promises.

Exactly how we got to the point of dividing the question, I do not know. The discussions and comments proceeded in an unstructured way on both issues for a while. We were effectively having the discussion pertaining to the reconsidered points without having voted to reconsider.

Bill McMillen moved to call that part of the question (Bruce Martin's motion) that pertained to the newsletter.

Lou Vogel seconded. The motion was passed without objection. We had effectively divided the question and moved on to voting on reconsideration of the membership arrangement. The Chair cast the deciding vote not to reconsider the membership arrangement.

Bill McMillen moved that we defer the re-introduction of "Free New York" until after our state convention. Lou Vogel seconded.

McMillen said that our financial position supported such a defer and indicated that our energies and resources should be directed toward the state convention. Bruce Martin expressed concern in delaying "Free New York" citing the importance of maintaining contact with our mailing list.

Clay Conrad spoke about the problem of maintaining contact with our members has existed for a long time.

After discussion, the motion was amended by acceptance to read:

Defer publishing "Free New York" until shortly after the convention. A convention brochure be prepared for first-class mailing between the 8th and 22nd of March together with the initial membership renewal solicitation, and the Chair prepare a mailing for late February which would up-date the mailing list as to the state party activities, the upcoming date, business purpose and rules of the state convention, and the election results of the party this past.

Both Bill McMillen and Lou Vogel accepted this and the motion passed.

A question arose as to the as yet undetermined date of the convention and notification requirements of the by-laws not conforming with the dates in the just passed motion. It was agreed that the dates in the motions were advisory and that once the convention date was established, the window for mailing the convention brochure would be established,

Old/New Business:

1991 State Convention. Previous White Plains conventions have been successful, Vicki suggested that it held there again. She and Norma would make the arrangements with the hotel. We recessed for 20 minutes without deciding anything. I subtracted 10 minutes from the time we recessed, so that I could say it was time to re-convene 10 minutes early, as a result of this trickery, we re-convened at 5:21, 20 minutes after we had recessed.

Kevin circulated two list, one for people willing to work on speakers and flyers for the convention, and one for people willing to work on location and planning.

The White Plains hotel was selected as a site with a date of May 18 subject to availability. Vicki was put in charge of this. Bill McMillen agreed to head up the group working on the program.

The discussion on the convention format outlined suggestions for the committees as follows:

A cocktail reception would be held for the announced candidates for the Presidential nomination. This would probably have a similar format to the reception held at the Albany convention 4 years ago. It would be held on Friday evening May 17th.

The business session would be held Saturday morning with a starting time of 9:30 and an ending time of Noon.

We would have only one event going on at a time.

A banquet and perhaps a luncheon.

Old/New Business:

John Chodes was anxious to speak about the "crucial importance" of the office in New York City. Discussion pursued as to whether the state could continue to fund the office in its present financial position. Suggestions were made that if the office is of such importance, we should be able to convince people of that and solicit dedicated contributions. Vicki and John agreed that this should be done and would do it. A motion was made - "to continue funding through the month of the next state committee meeting to the extent of \$150 per month. Phil Clark made the motion, it was seconded by Lou Vogel, clarified by Bill Stocker, opposed by Bill McMillen and carried by a everyone else.

Old Business:

Bill Stocker discussed the spending of funds without any clear cut understanding of which libertarian entity was being represented, the city, the state, the campaign. He concluded with a motion that the state party give the city party credit for \$900 is telephone bills incurred during the gubernatorial campaign. The motion carried.

Vicki requested that the White Plains Hotel be paid \$228.50. This amount represented additional expenses incurred in December when the New York party hosted the National Committee meeting. The motion carried.

