

Libertarian Party of Connecticut

State Central Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 22nd August 2022, 9:00 PM

The following Members of the Committee were present:

S Dincher – Chair
M Etter – Vice Chair
A Zdon – Secretary
J Perry – Treasurer
A Shackelford – At Large
B Cousins – New Haven County
K Beckford – At Large
C Lazzara – At Large
N Constant – At Large
W Hall – Candidate for Office

The following Members of the Committee were absent:

L Leduc – At Large
M Stengle – At Large

The Meeting was called to order by S Dincher at 9:11 PM.

1. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The reading of the minutes was waived by a motion from the chair without objection from the membership.

The minutes were approved by a motion from the chair without objection from the membership.

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

a. Chairman

- i. **Together with the efforts of Billy Hall and the Lewis campaign we have submit 9400 signatures for ballot access. We now have to wait to see how many signatures the Secretary of State will attempt to throw out. Dr Lewis has indicated that he is prepared to take proper legal action if the state is not rightful in their disqualifications and ballot access is denied.**

b. Treasurer

- i. **Last Balance = \$13,321.91**
- ii. **Expenditures = \$757.77**

- iii. Credits = \$257.21
- iv. Current Balance = \$12,821.35
- v. As of 08/22/2022 at 1:00 PM

c. Secretary

- i. **The current Roster includes 417 total members, 178 Regular Members, 227 Associate Members, and 12 Lifetime Members. This is an increase of 5 Regular Members, a decrease of 4 Associate Members, and no change in Lifetime Members since the previous roster report on 25th July 2022.**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Strategy and Goals Committee

- i. Still discussing survey and option to collect contact data.

b. IT Committee

- i. Website theme successfully changed last month.
- ii. We have a nice updated candidate's page as well.
- iii. With the bulk geocode update on NationBuilder's end, some percentage of addresses were not updated as promised.
- iv. We should seriously consider migrating to LP National's CRM project and begin discussion on it.
- v. Pros to migrating: significantly more cost efficient, \$1800 per year for NB right now versus \$430 per year for CRM; CRM is WordPress based; CRM uses Elementor Pro, a much more sophisticated/easy to use front end website editor; CRM offers more premium plugins.
- vi. Cons to migrating: the original concern of moving to CRM was with the status of our local sovereignty versus centralization of data under the national party, especially with the potential for bad actors in the future to take control of the CRM – however, Ken Mollman and Andy Burns have improved user credentialing such as needing to sign an NDA to gain access; loss of Email and text blast options, although we have not been taking advantage of these as much as we could be as is; CRM explicitly forbids email forwarding.
- vii. On the matter of time efficiency is important to note that there are currently no other state parties in the queue for migrating.
- viii. Next step would be setting up a discussion between relevant LPCT SCC members and LP National to learn what the process itself would be like before discussing whether or not we will migrate.

1. Motion by A Shackelford to authorize A Shackelford to contact national and set up the initial meetings to discuss migration. Official proposal to be brought forward in future meeting pending this process. Motion seconded by M Etter and passed unanimously without objection.

a. Legislative Research Committee

- i. The Legislative research committee is set to meet as a full body for the first time on Aug 23 2022. The committee is now 5 members in full.

- b. Finance Committee
 - i. Still in the process of seeking a Deputy Treasurer.
- c. Media Committee
 - i. A Zdon is now helping with IG and posting IG stories. If there are any specific ideas for polling our IG followers on various issues, hot topics, etc feel free to reach out.
 - ii. J Perry is taking over MeWe shortly.
 - iii. Still looking for someone to help with Truth Social, Gab, or any other relevant alternative social media.
- d. Elections Committee
 - i. Learning from this year, we should focus on the things we need to do right in the coming years:
 1. An earlier start (holding the state convention in November rather than March/April would allow us to start in the Winter rather than the Spring going forward).
 2. Earlier scheduling and circulation of a nice clear document sharing events for signature gathering which Libertarians can go to together. A few weeks to a month advance notice resulted in much better turnout than only 24/48 hours lead time.
 3. Put together a program to gain and train volunteers. Do this as early as possible as well.
 4. Shirts, signage, etc helped a lot with making it an easier/more efficient process for both introverted and extroverted people. Those who are great at approaching people could approach people, while those who may not volunteer if approaching strangers is too high pressure/intimidating (as doing this type of thing is for many people in general) can get behind the signage and be approached by those already openminded/interested.
 5. Town budget referendum meetings are a great place to collect signatures. Everyone in attendance is virtually guaranteed to be a registered voter and is politically interested in the first place. Everyone seemed very amenable to having more choice on the ballot when W Hall collected signatures at these meetings this year.
 6. Developing a better relationship between the Secretary of State and the Libertarian Party to open more honest communication could help.
 7. In 2023, we should focus on local, winnable races. It would be a very helpful structure if each candidate can also commit to their own signature drive, aiming to collect 100 signatures each. Candidates could also develop their own team of volunteers each.
 8. Winter 2024 we will need another 7500 signatures to get a Senate Candidate on the ballot.
 9. Town races next year can also be treated as dry run for 2024.
 10. W Hall can make an outline for a best campaign process to be shared in the Discord SCC chat once completed.

11. People tend to be less afraid to run for local office so these races are a great opportunity to find new candidates.
 12. We should get the ball rolling for local candidates right after November, with additional messaging in January and March too.
 13. W Hall will make a toolkit and proposal for costs to be given to candidates. This will reduce obstacles for candidates, offering standardized steps thereby making the process more clear, simple, and concrete for candidates, rather than more open-ended and intimidating. Anything we can do to help support the candidates will help us get more candidates.
- ii. In total, we submit about 9400 signatures this year which is more than enough for Ballot access. We are still waiting on the final word from the Secretary of State to see how many were accepted. We need 7500 signatures.
 - iii. Because the state of Connecticut has same day voter registration, the requirement for signatures gathered should really be voting age, non-felon, rather than registered voter.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. S Dincer will send our candidate nominations by registered mail to arrive by September 7th.
- b. Motion by S Dincer to nominate candidates via SCC Chat. Seconded by B Cousins. Motion passed unanimously without objection.**

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for 26th September 2022 at 9:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Zdon'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'A' and a stylized 'Z'.

Amy Zdon
Secretary, Libertarian Party of Connecticut.