# Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, 27th June 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

M Stengle – At Large

The following Members of the Committee were absent:

L Leduc – At Large

The Meeting was called to order by S Dincher at 9:04 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. Dr. Lewis found a signature gathering firm that is significantly more affordable than what we have previously worked with (\$1-2 per signature rather than \$7-10).
  - ii. Volunteers are still needed for signature gathering and donations can assist with paying the firm.
  - iii. Potential money bomb was discussed. Logistics would need to be worked out.

#### b. Treasurer

- i. Last Balance = \$16,319.60
- ii. Expenditures = \$2,041.25
- iii. Credits = \$681.05

- iv. Current Balance = \$14,974.13
- v. As of 06/27/2022 at 8:00 PM

# c. Secretary

i. The current Roster includes 413 total members, 173 Regular Members, 228 Associate Members, and 12 Lifetime Members. This is a decrease of 6 Regular Members, an increase of 36 Associate Members, and no change in Lifetime Members since the previous roster report on 28th February 2022.

#### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Strategy and Goals Committee
  - i. Met and went over updating the website pages.
  - ii. Looked into a new theme to be voted on by the SCC via Discord after the meeting. The committee narrowed it down to 3 choices to vote on and ranked choice voting will be used.
  - iii. Finished a google form to be sent out surveying registered Libertarians. A final version will be posted in Discord for the SCC to view.
  - iv. Potential funding for a QR code to be sent out on postcards was discussed, due to a significant portion of our data on registered Libertarians being postal addresses.
  - v. Option to receive contact data on all registered voters in the state of Connecticut for \$300 from the CT Secretary of State was raised. It has been nearly a year since our last update of this data.

# b. IT Committee

- i. NationBuilder's issue with geocode updates is being sorted with their help and there should be a bulk geocode update soon.
- ii. A Trello board has been created to organize for our new website design. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and IT Committee members have been invited but it could potentially be opened to all SCC members if there is interest.

### a. Legislative Research Committee

- i. Continuing to process this year's updates and bills are being added to Discord for review. Open to requests for specific areas of focus.
- Expanding the committee's membership would help with workload, email will be used to reach out to potential committee members who have shown interest.

## b. Finance Committee

- i. J Perry can demo the money bomb function on NationBuilder for anybody who is interested or willing to learn.
- ii. We are in need of a new Deputy Treasurer. S Dincher will send out email asking for interest in the position.

# c. Media Committee

i. Doug Fechter has joined the committee to help us with getting write-ups in local papers etc.

- ii. We need more volunteers to write op-eds, letters to editors, etc anything we can get published in digital or print media to get more Libertarian voices out there.
- iii. The LPCT joined Truth Social.
- iv. We need more volunteers to manage accounts on other social media sites such as Gab, etc.

#### d. Elections Committee

- i. Met with an individual interested in running for US Senate as a Libertarian candidate. Ultimately the principles and messaging had some overlap but weren't a complete match between him and the party. He is not interested at this time but the door has been left open for potential future collaboration on issues of liberty and the relationship between him and the LPCT is overall very positive.
- ii. In lieu of a new candidate, the committee will check if D Reale is comfortable keeping his name on the ballot for US Senate in order to continue ballot access.
- iii. Dr. Lewis has picked a Lt. Governor candidate to run with, whose name is Kevin Skulczyck. He runs a podcast called "The Kevin Alan Show" for anybody interested in learning more about his values and approach.
- iv. Dr. Lewis spoke with CCDL and it went well/he was well-received. Not all candidates have been as well-received by CCDL in the past.
- v. We need 20% of the vote to get money from the LNC for ballot access purposes. Now that we have a strong candidate S Dincher will check with the LNC to propose the relevant amount of \$5,000 and get the LNC's feedback on it.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ballot Access Funding
  - i. Motion for Discord vote by S Dincher that the SCC to allocate \$1700 of the \$3400 raised for ballot access at the Convention Speaker Night event to the Aaron Lewis Campaign to be used for ballot access specifically to assist in paying the signature collection firm.

Motion carries by roll vote
Vote: 10 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 No Vote,
J Perry – Yea
C Lazzara - Yea
A Zdon – Yea
B Cousins – Yea
L Leduc – Yea
N Constant – Yea
K Beckford – Yea
A Shackleford - Yea
M Etter - Yea

S Dincher – Yea M Stengle – No Vote

## b. New Website Theme

i. Motion for Discord vote by S Dincher that the SCC to vote on a new website theme. A winner was chosen from 3 final options ("Collective," "Action," and "Raise") via ranked choice voting.

Final results of ranked choice voting: "Collective" theme selected

S Dincher – 1. Raise 2. Action 3. Collective

L Leduc – 1. Action 2. Raise 3. Collective

A Zdon - 1. Collective 2. Raise 3. Action

N Constant – 1. Action 2. Collective 3. Raise

M Etter – 1. Collective 2. Action 3. Raise

C Lazzara - 1. Collective 2. Raise 3. Action

**B** Cousins – 1. Raise 2. Action 3. Collective

J Perry – 1. Collective 2. Raise 3. Action

A Shackleford – 1. Raise 2. Action 3. Collective

K Beckford – 1. Collective 2. Raise 3. Action

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for 25th July 2022 at 9:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM

Submitted by

Amy Zdon

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