

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

29 November 2022

In Attendance:

Joe Garcia, Chair
Jonathan Hopper, Vice-Chair
Ryan Brown, Secretary
Kimberly Acer, At large
Steven DiFiore, At large
Sarah Brady, At large
Travis Groo, At large
Mike Ross, Treasurer
Brian Irving, Executive Director

Absent:

LPNC Guest members:

Angela Humphries
Christina Aragues
Dee Watson
Mac Browder

Call to Order:

Joe Garcia called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM, EST.

Chair Report:

Joe does not have much to report but hopes that everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Electronic Voting:

Brian Irving moves that, "**the Executive Committee to authorize up to \$1,000 to purchase merchandise and print literature for the Wake gun show and future events.**" Seconded by Joe Garcia. Link to proposal:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RyWskpwEDIVR_UcxhH8BbkADssmGX-c1njNdWqmxzMg/edit

Yes: Travis Groo, Jonathan Hopper, Joe Garcia, Steven DiFiore, Kimberly Acer, Sarah Brady

No: Ryan Brown

Abstain:

The motion passes 6-1-0.

Previous Minutes:

After some minor edits, the previous minutes were accepted by a roll call vote.

Yes: Jonathan Hopper, Ryan Brown, Steven DiFiore, Sarah Brady, Kimberly Acer, Travis Groo

No:

Abstain: Joe Garcia

The motion passes 6-0-1.

Treasurer Report:

Primary Checking Balance - \$27,695.18. PayPal Balance - \$923.64. Federal Checking Balance - \$190.54. Spending since the last meeting. NationBuilder - \$2,964.00, Zoom - \$14.99, Wake Reimbursement - \$559.76. To Be Reimbursed: Chamber Flags - \$99.03 to Mac Browder.

Officer and Director Reports:**Executive Director Report:**

The full report is attached below. Dee Watson, as Political and Policy Director, is working on a comprehensive strategy. The strategy will be worked through staff before being presented to the Executive Committee. Rob Yates is working on a virtual store system for LPNC. It should be a good asset for the LPNC. Rob and Chris Dooley are working on a page on the LPNC website to hold the long form parts of our newsletter so that the email only contains snippets. Brian Irving has not heard from Erik Raudsep, the Outreach Director, since he was appointed and recommends the position be declared vacant. Mac Browder is working on the promotional material for the Wake County gun show. He will present it to the Executive Committee for approval. Brian has asked the IT team to update the job descriptions of the IT team members. Brian is moving forward with the SOP and Policy Manual edits he's suggested. At the staff meeting, Dee Watson had identified issues with the NationBuilder data. A staff team has been assigned to work on the issue to update and synchronize data. Dee Watson, Bryce Acer, Jonathan Hopper, and Brad Hessel.

Brian comments about the staff channel. He does not want the staff channel to be restricted but also wants staff to have the ability to comment freely. Joe adds that non staff members should not be active in the channel but are welcome to watch. Ryan Brown mentions that it is a closed channel, as it has a padlock symbol in Slack, and asks clarification questions about when non-staff members can comment on the work being done. Brian clarifies there isn't a bright line rule but to use your best judgment. There is more discussion around the use of the Slack channel.

Committee Reports:**Convention Planning Committee Report:**

Ryan Brown presents the Convention Committee report with costs for the Village Inn.

Ryan is seeking the greenlight to get a contract for the venue. Joe asks if there were any other dates considered. Since we were planning for April, but there were no dates available in April, we decided to go for March. The committee appreciates the time concerns, but are confident that the convention can be done in March without issue.

As the committee is committed to making it happen, the Convention Committee will take the next steps and try to get a contract before the next meeting.

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Old Business:

- Twitter blue subscription. - Ryan. We did not execute on this item since Twitter changed their subscription model and benefits. We will execute as soon as they add the features back in that we are looking for.
- Vote of the Executive Committee to advise and consent to the Chair's appointment of Christina Aragues as Candidate Coordinator, as recommended by Dee Watson, Political & Public Policy Director and Brian Irving, Executive Director - Joe Garcia

Brian Irving and Dee Watson have recommended that Christina Aragues be appointed as the Candidate Coordinator. After a brief discussion a vote was held to approve her appointment.

Yes: Jonathan Hopper, Ryan Brown, Steven DiFiore, Sarah Brady, Kimberly Acer, Travis Groo, Joe Garcia

No:

Abstain:

New Business:

- Mac Browder gives a quick update on the Strategic Planning Committee's work and informs the Executive Committee they have a loose draft at the moment and are going to be soliciting comments from staff shortly. They will provide updates at Executive Committee meetings going forward.

Adjournment at 9:37 PM EST.

Submitted, Ryan Brown, Secretary

To: LPNC Chair and Executive Committee

Subject: Executive Director Report

Nov. 10, 2022

1. Political & Public Policy. I did not connect with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) election observers.

2. Communications. The November newsletter went out. The Communications Director and I are still perfecting the format and content.

3. Outreach. No new activity.

4. Administrative. SOP & Policy Manual review continues. I've received no input from any Executive committee members.

/s/

Brian Irving

LPNC Executive Director

