

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

05 January 2023

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

LPNC Guest members:

Angela Humphries
Stephen Sumner
Dee Watson
Robert Yates
Sean Acton
Bryce Acer

Call to Order:

Joe Garcia calls the meeting to order at 8:31pm.

Chair Report:

Joe hopes that everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season and is ready to get back to volunteering with the LPNC.

Electronic Voting:

There were no electronic votes since the last meeting.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

Treasurer Report:

Balances:

Truist Primary - \$27,970.59

Truist Federal - \$190.54 (still)

PayPal - \$266.30

Spending Since Last Meeting:

- \$330.32 – Mac Reimbursement for OfficeMax Materials (Previously reported, cashed 12/28)
- \$99.97 – 100 more Chamber Flags (Spent, not yet reimbursed from Gun Show Tabling)

Outstanding Project Authorized Spending:

- Gun Show Tabling Materials - \$470.68 remaining (\$1,000.00 authorized)
- Wake Gun Show Initial Tabling Fee - \$30.00 remaining (\$100.00 authorized)
- Convention Related
 - Larry Sharpe - \$1,500.00 remaining (\$1,500.00 authorized)
 - Printing - (\$1,000.00 authorized)

Officer and Director Reports:**Convention Planning Committee Report:**

Ryan Brown has tested the website. All is working well and the official announcement will go out on Friday. Dee has been contacting speakers.

2023 Bylaws Committee Report:

Ryan and Dee, as members of the Bylaws Committee, updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Bylaws Committee. Members have had the ability to see all majority report proposals from the Bylaws Committee. They will be all finalized by the Committee and sent to the Secretary by February 8th.

Old Business:

- Craven County Affiliate Updates:

There has not been any update in the last 2 weeks. Since Max Oglesby did not meet the membership requirements, he was removed from the website. There are at least 3 people who have expressed interest in creating an affiliate. Craven is in startup mode and starting from scratch.

New Business:

- Strategic Committee Plan approval. - Ryan/Mac

Mac Browder, as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, mentions that there had been concerns and questions raised after posting the last draft of the plan. Mac invites everyone who has questions and concerns to the meeting on Monday night. After addressing the comments at the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting, Mac will seek approval at the next Executive Committee meeting.

- Political and Policy Director Strategic Plan. - Ryan/Dee

Dee Watson presents her slideshow with analysis of races and candidates from 2022, lessons learned, and suggested next steps for 2023. There are specific concerns around the lack of strategy around running a governor candidate as it is an important race for the LPNC. Dee explains that this document is focused on local winnable races instead of the governor race. Dee explains that she is open for feedback and assures the LPNC Executive Committee that the governor's race will not be ignored.

- \$70 funding approval for Concord gun tabling event. - Ryan/Mac

Mac updates the Executive Committee on the previous gun show and requests funding for the Concord gun tabling event.

Ryan Brown moves, **“to allocate \$40 for a Concord gun show tabling event and re-allocate \$30 from the Wake gun show to the Concord gun show.”** Mike Ross seconds.

Kimberly Acer asks Mac how he or Justin Hinkley are determining which gun shows to go to. Mac states that the Raleigh Gun show was easy since there were people willing and able to staff the show. He is targeting gun shows near larger population centers.

Kimberly also asks where the people who signed up at the gun show were located. She was wondering if most were from around the area or other parts of the state. Rob Yates says that there were some from outside the Triangle area but most were from the Triangle.

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

No:

Abstain:

- Presentation of Mattermost as a Slack alternative by Bryce Acer - Joe

Bryce Acer presents a spreadsheet on alternatives to Slack as a workspace for the

LPNC. He presents pros and cons of Mattermost, Slack, Discord, Basecamp, and other solutions. Bryce takes some questions and comments on the solutions and current Slack situation. Bryce also answers questions on how the LPNC would host services if we moved from Slack and the timelines that could be expected if we did migrate.

The IT team will continue to discuss options going forward.

Adjournment at 10:05 PM EST.

Submitted, Ryan Brown, Secretary