

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

07 December 2023

In Attendance:

Ryan Brown, Chair
Sean Haugh, Vice-Chair
Dee Watson, Secretary
Christina Aragues, At large
Mac Browder, At large
Angela Humphries, At large
Nick Taylor, At large

Absent:

Mike Ross, Treasurer

LPNC Guest members:

Phil Jacobson
Stephen Sumner

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown calls the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Chair Report:

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

Electronic Voting:

There were no electronic votes since the last meeting.

Officer, Director and Committee Reports:

- Dee Watson gave the [P&P Report](#)
- Sean Haugh gave the platform report and it is in appendix A.

Old Business:

- Dee Watson did not present the Budget since Mike's absence prevented a vote at the last meeting, and there was no additional information that members had not been presented. The proposed budget is in appendix B.

New Business:

- Susan Hogarth had proposed the following:
“LPNC Contract/volunteer proposal

The LPNC enable a separate rolling fund of up to \$1500. Donations designated for this fund will go pay ‘voluntractors’ for projects like data entry, database upkeep, voter/member contact, and other Executive Committee approved projects who meet these criteria: (1) are NC registered Libertarian (2) residing in NC and (3) not members of the LPNC executive committee, family members of LPNC EC members, administrators or family members of administrators of this program, or officers/representatives of county affiliates or their family members. The program to be administered jointly by the LPNC Treasurer and a Party member(s) appointed by the LPNC, with regular (monthly) reporting to and oversight by the LPNC. Money in this fund not to be counted as part of the general LPNC budget. If program is terminated, all funds remaining to go to the general fund.”

The item was discussed and Ryan Brown will look into following the feasibility of paying contractors in this way.

Other Business:

- Dee Watson discussed the need for EC Public to be read only access for non-committee members. Ryan Brown will follow up to determine feasibility.
- Sean Haugh requested funds for his Commissioner of Agriculture campaign.
- Dee Watson Discussed the statewide candidates that were running this year, and said more information will be available at the next meeting.
- Mac Browder moved to reject Mike Ross’s resignation as treasurer.” Seconded by Sean Haugh

Yes: Sean Haugh, Angela Humphries, Mac Browder, Nick Taylor, Ryan Brown

No:

Abstain: Dee Watson

Adjournment at 8:09 PM EST.

Submitted by Dee Watson, Secretary

Appendix A: Platform Report

Education

(Revision of current plank.)

Current: The LPNC supports the separation of school and state. Where the state does fund education, that funding should be allocated to students, not systems. Parents should have full control over how their children are educated.

Proposed: The LPNC supports the separation of school and state. Parents should have full control over how their children are educated.

Rationale: The General Assembly passed legislation implementing funding for students, not systems last year, so the second sentence in this plank is no longer necessary.

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Recording Law Enforcement

(New plank to be placed after The Police.)

Police body camera records should be available upon request to any person who appears in the footage. Also, individuals enjoy an absolute right to record anything in any public space with photo, sound, video or any other means, including but not limited to recording law enforcement.

Rationale: LPNC members have become involved in several causes over the last two years which would be greatly helped if these principles had been followed. New laws shielding law enforcement from public scrutiny, including taking away one's right to film the police, continue to be proposed and must be stopped.

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Secession

(New plank to be placed after Free Association.)

The LPNC recognizes the right to peaceful political secession. This includes the right to secession by political entities, private groups, or individuals. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.

Rationale: Self government is a root principle of Libertarianism, which all people have the right to exercise. People also have the absolute right of freedom of association, which allows them to join or leave governments according to their own needs.

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12/7/2023: Three Committee members – Mac Browder, Sean Haugh, and Phil Jacobson – have all voted in favor of all three proposals.

Appendix B: Budget

	Expenses	Targeted Donation	Revenue	Profit	Distribution	Comment
Convention	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$0	There is about a \$6000 seed for this event
Inreach seed money	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Only fund if targeted donation meets needs of seed money
State Fair (Tabling Fee+Tickets)	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,000	\$2,000	Only fund if there are committed tablers preferably at least 2
Other Tabling Fees	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	-\$1,500	\$1,500	Only fund if there are committed tablers preferably at least 2
Tabling Swag	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	-\$3,000	\$3,000	
Tabling Merchandise	\$500	\$0	\$700	\$200	\$0	Test with small amounts. Use targeted donated seed.
Facebook/Twitter Boosts	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,000	\$2,000	
CRM	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	-\$2,000	\$2,000	
Data Storage	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	-\$1,000	\$1,000	
Candidates	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	-\$3,000	\$3,000	
Podcast	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Chair Discretionary (Includes Zoom, Postage, Overruns etc.)	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	-\$3,000	\$3,000	
Fundraising	\$500	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	
Total	\$31,000	\$3,500	\$13,700	-\$13,800	\$17,500	