

## **Libertarian Party of North Carolina**

### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**2 October 2025**

In Attendance:

Ryan Brown, Chair  
Bob Drach, Vice Chair  
Kate Shawhan, Secretary  
Mac Browder, At large  
Angela Humphries, At large  
Nick Taylor, At large

LPNC Guest members:

Dan Johnson  
Stephen Sumner  
Rob Yates

Absent:

Bryce Acer, At large  
Barbara Howe, Treasurer

#### **Call to Order:**

Ryan Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

#### **Chair Report:**

This month is the run up to elections and it will be busy; if you would like to volunteer for the state fair, we will get you a free ticket and this is a good time to sign up.

Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

#### **Electronic Voting:**

- On September 26th, Mac Browder moved to book the Lake Lure Inn & Spa for convention the last weekend of March. (The weekend of March 27, 28, and 29). The motion passed 7-0.

### **Treasury Report:**

- None at this time

### **Officer, Director and Committee Reports:**

- No other officer, director, or committee reports were given.

### **New Business:**

- Rob Yates mentioned the radio ads are starting to pay off and result in people coming to check us out. Larry has accepted the title of fundraising chair. It's hard to get more staff without money, and hard to get more money without staff; Dan Johnson has a company whose focus is fundraising.
- Dan Johnson has offered to lay out a roadmap for how to better assist the LPNC with our fundraising goals and asked edifying questions to assess our needs. Dan is a fundraising coach who works with nonprofits to build consistent and reliable systems to raise money. Ryan broke down some of the donation structure.
  - The majority of our income seems to come from events. Dan asked if we need more money for what we are doing; Rob said we're not in a bad place but we can do a lot better with more resources.
  - Our current donors do fund other libertarian enterprises and we encourage donations to local county and affiliate organizations.
  - Bob noted that if all 50,000 registered libertarians in North Carolina donated \$10, we would have a lot of money to work with; Dan pointed out that if only 1,500 gave \$20 a month, that would cover our yearly budget. He asked what we would do if we had more money to work with. Joking aside, Ryan mentioned it would allow us to pay filing fees for a lot of candidates and be able to increase our representation in competitive elections, which gives us the opportunity to influence the state level. Angela Humphries noted in the text chat would allow for more mailers.
  - Dan suggested a framework to present to potential donors, and after some discussion about past fundraising attempts as well as the leadership and volunteer structure of the party, laid out that he could draw up a roadmap for us and scheduled a meeting to present his plan. His rates for coaching would be 6 months of fundraising coaching for \$6,000. There is 90 days for \$3,500, and 5 weeks for \$1,500. The meeting was scheduled for October 9th at 7:00pm.
- Rob had previously relayed that we should endorse all the candidates running as Libertarians. We have 8 candidates who are either LPNC members or registered Libertarians. Bob mentioned we should make sure they want an endorsement; if they

don't have enough engagement to accept it, we should not really endorse them. Ryan will reach out to those 8 candidates. The Charlotte mayoral race is the only partisan race involved. The issue was tabled pending Ryan reaching out to the candidates.

- Ryan believes we have everything we need for the fair. Angela referred back to creating a cohesive look and offered to make shirts, but Brad hasn't responded to the idea. This may be a project for next year.
- Bob Drach moved to add Angela to the Platform committee, Mac Browder seconded. The motion passed with no objection.

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 8:14 PM.