



June 12, 2004
Executive Committee Meeting

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A regular meeting held at Greenshields
In Raleigh, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudicialCommittee@LPNC.com and the County Contact list - - but not yet

With Ms Howe presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 10:35 AM.

Members Present: Ms Howe, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Vuchnich, Ms Hogarth, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Goree – by proxy (Mr. Hill), Mr. Byers – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Dixon (arriving late), Mr. Howe, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Fortner and Mr. Hill.

Members Absent: Frederick Blackburn

Staff Present: Mr. Haugh (arriving late)

Guests: Mr. Brian Irving, Mr. Robert Dorsey.

I. Opening

- A. After the addition of two items under new business and one correction, the agenda was accepted as amended.

II. Executive Director's Report (given after the Vice-chair's report)

- A. The most current fundraising letter is still at the printer's because of problems with the mailing list.
- B. Other items were discussed under other business.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

- 1. The Howes purchased a table for the Institute of Political Leadership Gala and there has been a link from their website to ours for some time. The party name should also appear in the program and the party should be recognized from the podium as a sponsor of the event. The Howes were given a hearty round of applause for their generosity.
- 2. The North Carolina delegation to the National Convention was full and five extra delegates were seated in the Alaska delegation. All reports from the Convention were very positive.

B. Vice-chair

- 1. Mr. Wrights was elected as Vice Chair of the national party at the National Convention and received a round of applause for his accomplishment.

C. Recording Secretary

- 1. Meeting minutes are getting to the website quicker each month.
- 2. The State Convention minutes have been completed for some time. Mr. Wrights moved, and Ms Hogarth seconded that the Convention minutes be approved as posted. The motion passed.

D. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer presented his monthly statement with explanation.
2. After long and detailed discussion regarding 'dedicated funds', Mr. Bailey moved and Mr. Vuchnich seconded, "that dedicated funds be held accountable for their own administrative costs". After the ruling of the Chair that the motion was out of order was overruled, the motion passed on a vote of five to four, with one abstention (particular member voting was not recorded).
3. After discussion it was determined that there is a zero balance in the Candidate Filing Fee Fund.

E. Newsletter Editor

1. The next issue should be out in about a week, if there is not a continued problem with the mailing list.

F. Outreach Director

1. Mr. Pitts has had discussion with Atty. Ekstrand regarding the issue of inclusion in the debates and will keep the committee posted on the progress via the e-mail list.
2. Mr. Pitts reported that National has not been sending inquiries to our state party for some time but that the appropriate people are aware of the problem.
3. Mr. Pitts is starting to research the idea of focusing on the Hispanic population as a target group.

G. Ballot Access Director

NO REPORT

H. Press Secretary

NO REPORT

I. Membership Secretary

NO REPORT

J. Political Director

1. Mr. Dixon was elected National Chair at the recent Convention and was given a round of applause for his victory.

K. Webmaster

1. Access to our web site has leveled off. The candidate page is seeing the most activity.
2. The platform page has been updated since the close of the state convention although the printer friendly version is not ready yet.

The meeting was recessed to order lunch and then reconvened.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Ms Howe reported that although it was originally thought that a profit had been realized from our annual convention, there was in fact a loss of approximately \$300.00.
2. The convention did raise \$1,046 from convention related fundraising.
3. Ms Vance will be asked if she is interested in chairing the next convention.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

1. There has been a request for information from Montgomery County.
2. Mr. Wrights brought a copy of the County Affiliate Organizing Manual for review.

C. Strategic Planning Effort

1. Two meetings have been held and there are two more meetings scheduled.

D. Archive and Knowledge Base

NO REPORT

E. Small Business Owners Initiative

NO REPORT

V. Old Business

A. E-mail voting was affirmed as follows:

1. On April 26, 2004, motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Pitts:

I move that the LPNC appropriate \$275.00 for the purpose of covering half the cost of space rental at this year's Dixie Classic Fair. (11-0-0)

2. On May 6, 2004, motion by Mr. Wrights, seconded by Mr. Pitts:

I move that we approve the minutes for the most recent EC meeting that took place immediately following the State Convention. (9-0-0)

3. On May 11, 2004, motion by Mr. Wrights:

I move that the LPNC appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purpose of having Mr. Ekstrand determine LPNC's legal status concerning inclusion in the gubernatorial debates; and, the possibility of putting the LPNC on the NC Tax return as a check off. (8-0-0)

4. It was requested that old polls be removed from the website and the web master has agreed to make sure that happens.

B. Budget (discussed after the lunch break)

1. Mr. Vuchnich presented a preliminary budget based on the information available to him.
2. Mr. Vuchnich asked that anyone who is aware of future or recurring expenses, please share that information with him.
3. Mr. Howe moved and Mr. Hill seconded, that we allocate \$2,400 for the purpose of sending three fundraising letters, the first to be sent at the end of July, the next in early September and the last in mid October. The motion passed.

C. State tax return voter check-off

1. Counsel is researching this item and Mr. Pitts will keep the EC informed of the progress.

D. Inclusion in Political Debates

1. Counsel is researching this item and Mr. Pitts will keep the EC informed of the progress.

E. Summer volunteer

1. Ms Hogarth is guiding the volunteer and overseeing her activities.
2. The volunteer is working on a Libertarian business directory.

F. Liberty Amendment

1. The Liberty amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

Section 2. The constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of the United States shall not be subject to the terms of any foreign or domestic agreement, which would abrogate this amendment.

Section 3. The activities of the United States Government, which violate the intent, and purpose of this amendment shall, within a period of three years from the date of the ratification of this amendment, be liquidated and the properties and facilities affected shall be sold.

Section 4. Three years after the ratification of this amendment the sixteenth article of amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall stand repealed and thereafter Congress shall not levy taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts.

2. Mr. Bailey moved and Mr. Wrights seconded, that the Executive Committee endorse the amendment to the Constitution. After a motion to table this motion failed, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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VI. New Business

- A. Policy Manual/Past Practices – Archival project
 1. A motion was made by Ms Wilcox, seconded by Ms Hogarth that the Chair appoint a committee of three to look into the possibilities regarding the above subjects. Motion passed.
- B. Dedicated Funds
 1. Item discussed during discussion of Treasurer's Report
- C. Discussion – action regarding political debate inclusion
 1. This item has been referred to counsel as noted in Old Business.
- D. Advertising rates – Tar Heel Libertarian
 1. Ms Hogarth asked that people contact her who are aware of a business that might be interested in advertising in the Tar Heel Libertarian.
- E. Discussion – supporting non Libertarian candidates
 1. After detailed discussion regarding the wisdom of this practice, no action was taken.
- F. Political Advertising
 1. Mr. Fortner moved and Mr. Wrights seconded, that the Chair appoint a committee to study media buys and that it be empowered to spend \$2,000 for that purpose. Motion passed.
- G. Policy – financial support – candidates
 1. After detailed discussion no action was taken on this item.
- H. Clean data base
 1. Mr. Bailey moved, and Ms Hogarth seconded, that we appropriate \$440 for Freedom Mailing to clean up the LPNC mailing list twice. By friendly amendment the amount was reduced to \$220 for one list clean up. The motion passed.
- I. Candidate Replacements
 1. After an explanation of the District 1 situation (the resignation of US Representative Ballance and the need for a special election) nominations were opened to put a Libertarian on the ballot for a special election to be held on July 20th for the vacancy in District 1. Tom Eisenminger and James Knight were nominated from the floor. Mr. Eisenminger won on a voice vote and will be the Libertarian candidate for the special election.
 2. Mr. Klock, a candidate for County Commissioner in Iredell County has withdrawn from that race. The Iredell County party has until August 19th to find a replacement candidate in order for the replacement candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

J. Press Secretary and At-Large positions – resignations

1. Mr. Wrights moved and Mr. Thomas seconded that Mr. Irving be appointed as the interim Press Secretary until all applications for the position have been received and considered. The motion passed.
2. Mr. Fortner announced that he will soon be moving out of state and asked that notice of an upcoming At Large vacancy on the Executive Committee be published in the Tar Heel Libertarian.

K. Badnarik Campaign

3. Ms Hogarth reported that Mr. Badnarik has been invited to attend/speak at a 4th of July event sponsored by Mr. Whitfield. It has also been suggested that Mr. Badnarik come to the area during the fall fair season and make that coincide with events in South Carolina.
4. If Mr. Badnarik comes to the area for the weekend of the 4th it would be necessary to find other opportunities for Mr. Badnarik's campaign in the area.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The next meeting will be July 24th in Winston-Salem under the direction of Mr. Wrights.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.