

Executive Committee Meeting 7 March 2009

Presiding: Chair Barbara Howe

Recording: Recording Secretary Stephanie Watson

Other Committee Members Attending: Paul Elledge, Brian Irving, Phil Jacobson, Rick Pasotto, Chris Spruyt, John Caveny

CALLED TO ORDER at 11:11 AM by Howe

Agenda reviewed, modified, and accepted as modified.

MOTION: Brian Irving moved to approve the January minutes including minor modifications that will be made and uploaded by Watson following the meeting.

SECOND: John Caveny

PASSED unanimously

Chair Report

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe reported that she went to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (LSLA) conference, formerly the LP State Chairs convention, in South Carolina, and summarized some of the significant events and important projects in the works at the national level.

Vice-chair Report

- There is not currently a Vice Chair.

Recording Secretary Report

- Stephanie Watson present and reporting
- Watson reported what changes she had made on the written copies of the approved minutes would be made immediately following the meeting and uploaded to replace the current files at the Yahoo! group.

Treasurer Report

- John Caveny was absent, but offered a report as follows:

::BEGIN SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORT::

Treasurer's Report, Libertarian Party of North Carolina  
March 7, 2009

Account Balances

GENERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$ 3,886.86
FEDERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$ 953.89
LAWSUIT FUND BALANCE:	No longer maintained as a separate figure
EXPENDITURES (2008):	\$ 2,000.00
SINCE SUIT WAS BEGUN:	\$ 34,735.00
Loan balance:	\$ 6,000.00

We received a total of \$1,470 in January and \$895.00 in February. We paid \$2,000 toward our lawsuit expenses in February.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Caveny Treasurer

::END SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORT::

- Caveny added that there are 14 recurring donations that totaled \$765 that was part of what was received.
- Jacobson requested some more information about what is owed to the law firm for the lawsuit.
- Caveny also announced that he would also start reporting interest-paid information for loan payoff.
- Upcoming expenses include a newsletter printing for about \$250 and convention expenditures.
- Jacobson asked if there was a regular payback schedule for the lawsuit loan debt, but Howe indicated that there was not currently a schedule for that.
- Jacobson asked for lawsuit payoff information to be included in the delegates packets at the convention.

#### Membership Secretary Report

- Jason Bateman was absent and did not send a report.
- Pasotto reiterated his point from the last meeting that we need membership numbers to determine delegate allocation. Howe and Irving expressed that they were less concerned about this number because of the tradition of voting to allow all those attending to be considered delegates.

#### Webmaster Report

- Rick Pasotto present and reporting
- Pasotto reported that convention registration is working fine except for a small glitch that sends two copies of the registration email to registrants. Caveny explained he was processing payments separately after registration, not as part of that registration process.
- Pasotto read an email he received inquiring how to start up a Johnston County affiliate, and Howe asked to have that forwarded to her for a response.

#### Communications Director Report

- Brian Irving present and reporting
- Irving submitted the following written report:

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1. News releases:

- a. LPNC Agenda
  - b. Annexation Commission Ignores Will of the People
  - c. 2009 LPNC Convention
2. Sent a letter to the editor regarding Gay Marriage Ban amendment.
  3. Interviewed by Pete Kaliner, WBT Newstalk Radio (Charlotte) regarding the Liberty Agenda on Jan. 28.
  4. Interviewed by Rhonda Bellamy, WAAV radio, Wilmington regarding forced annexation on Feb. 6.
  5. Formed an LPNC Branding Project Google group to develop a log and tagline.

Brian Irving  
Communications Director  
Libertarian Party of North Carolina  
LPNC.org

::END SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORT::

#### Outreach Director Report

- Susan Hogarth was absent, but reported by phone to Howe
- Howe indicated that Hogarth and Watson were working on a piece of lesbian/gay/bisexual community literature to be used for LPNC literature. Howe indicated this literature needed to be submitted to the EC for approval.

#### Campus Affiliate Affairs Report

- Joy Elliott was absent and did not submit a report.

CALLED TO RECESS at 12:01 PM by Howe (to order lunch)

CALLED TO ORDER at 12:12 PM by Howe

#### Lawsuit Committee Report

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe indicated that the State filed its brief and that she would upload the copy of the brief we filed as promised from the previous meeting.

#### Bylaws Committee Report

- Susan Hogarth was absent, but reported by phone to Howe
- Howe reported that Hogarth was in the process of compiling the submissions and report from the committee.
- Jacobson indicated that there would be approximately eight submissions

for updated to the bylaws.

#### Convention Committee Report

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe confirmed that Michael Cloud would be speaking at the April 17-19 convention at the Quality Inn in Burlington, NC.
- Pasotto asked whether he could put Cloud's speaking points at the LPNC website, and Howe said that she would ask him.
- Pasotto followed up by inquiring about obtaining a Creative Commons license for the content at the website. Discussion followed about how that would work and whether it is something the committee should pursue.

CALLED TO RECESS at 12:25 PM by Howe (for eating Lunch)

CALLED TO ORDER at 1:09 PM by Howe

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### (1) Political Director position:

- Pasotto expressed concerned about the number of open positions in the Executive Committee such as the Political Director position.
- Howe indicated that she would speak to Johnny Shull to ask whether he would be willing to serve as Political Director.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### (1) Policy for timely news releases:

- Irving narrated a recent scenario that had a lack of feedback from the EC regarding a request for feedback.
- Irving expressed the need to act quickly to put out press releases on issues when they are current.
- Discussion continued about the scenario, clarifying that Irving was seeking commentary and a formal resolution from the committee at that time to back up his press release efforts.
- Howe indicated that anything that would be an official outreach piece from the committee should be approved by the committee or by an appointed individual or sub-committee.
- Jacobson called for a solution that would provide for a rapid response so that press releases and other materials could go out in a timely manner while still providing an option for getting feedback.
- Watson vouched for the concern of silent mailing list members who may not be able to check email in a timely manner and may be discouraged from contributing by the time they see the conversation in email.
- Pasotto recommended that Brian post certain items, which are neither urgent nor requiring an official EC statement, for comment by a stated deadline at which time he would go ahead and publish it.

-- Irving stated that he would go back to putting out press releases on Howe's approval alone and use the mailing list only for feedback.

(2) Yahoo! groups management:

- Irving expressed concern that there are people on the EC committee Yahoo! group (also referred to as the EC mailing list) that are not only no longer on the committee, but also no longer involved in the LPNC.
- Watson proposed putting a contact database in the Yahoo! group databases feature so that we could easily associate a username with the appropriate real name.
- Howe indicated that she would not have someone join the group unless other groups members were informed about who that person is.

Howe asked current committee members about their intentions to run for re-election at the convention.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- There are no meeting scheduled until after the state convention, during which a new committee will be elected.

MOTION: Brian Irving moved to adjourn

SECOND: Phil Jacobson

PASSED (no opposition)

CALL TO ADJOURN at 1:45 PM by Howe