

Executive Committee Meeting 28 August 2009

Presiding: Chair Barbara Howe  
Recording: Recording Secretary Stephanie Watson

Other Committee Members Attending:

Bev Wilcox, John Caveny, Jason Bateman, Matt Drew, Edward Gore, Thomas Hill,  
Brian Logsdon

Also Attending: Stephen Burr (Union), Mark Cooke (Mecklenburg),  
Brandon and Regina Derr (Union), Tom Hohman (Union), Chris Jones (Union),  
Dennis Peterson (Union), Donna Shaver (Union), David Speight (Davidson),

CALLED TO ORDER at 11:15 AM by Howe

The agenda was discussed and set.

Chair Report

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe reported on the pool party at Phil Jacobson's home where attendees called registered Libertarians across the state to let them know what's going on in the LPNC.
- Howe later reported that Gary Bartlett of the State Board of Elections asked that the General Assembly change its statute about the income tax check-off for political parties, allowing the political party to qualify based on how the party is recognized by the Board of Elections, not the arbitrary requirement in the statute that a party that has to consist of 1% of the registered voters in the state.

Organizers of the Monroe Taxed Enough Already (TEA) Party announced their event to be held September 12, 2009, in Monroe, NC.

Vice-chair Report

- Bev Wilcox present and reporting
- Wilcox spoke of being encouraged about party growth and organizing new county affiliates.

Recording Secretary Report

- Stephanie Watson present and reporting
- Watson and Howe both stated that they did not have printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting to present for approval, and that this action would be taken at the next meeting.

Treasurer Report

- John Caveny present and reporting, including the following written report:

::: BEGIN TREASURER'S REPORT :::

Treasurer's Report  
Libertarian Party of North Carolina  
August 29, 2009

Account Balances

General account balance: \$ 41,607.10  
Federal account balance: \$ 953.89

Lawsuit figures:

Lawsuit fees balance: \$ 14,668.32  
Expenditures for 2009: \$ 12,000.00

Since suit was begun:     \$ 44,735.00

Loan balance:             \$ 6,320.00

#### Other Information

Income since our July 18 meeting includes \$39,746.50 from NC State income tax checkoff funds, as well as \$1,170.00 in individual donations. We currently have 17 monthly credit card donors giving a total of \$820 each month. There are other recurring donations, by check and credit card, on a less frequent basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Caveny

::: END TREASURER'S REPORT :::

-- Caveny said that the regular income from donations amounts to about \$900 per month.

#### Membership Secretary Report

-- Rick Pasotto absent and did not submit a report

#### Webmaster Report

-- Rick Pasotto absent and did not submit a report

#### Outreach Directors' Report

- Susan Hogarth absent and did not submit a report
- Howe said that organization was underway to set up and staff the Dixie Classic fair and the NC State Fair, both in October.
- Hill reported that the Cabarrus County fair was coming up September 11-19 in Concord, NC, and encouraged people to help with outreach there.
- Hill also reported that the Midland fair was coming up October 3-4 in Midland, NC, in Cabarrus County.
- Drew contributed that Centerfest in Durham was coming up September 19-20 and that the Durham County affiliate was still planning to do outreach at that event.

#### Campus Affiliate Affairs Report

-- Howe asked if there were any individuals who knew of campuses looking to get organized.

#### Lawsuit Committee Report

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe stated that the last bill for attorney services was the same that was reported in the Treasurer's report.
- Howe reported that we are still waiting to hear from the appeals court.

CALL TO RECESS for ordering lunch at 11:58 AM by Howe

CALL TO ORDER at 1:01 PM by Howe

#### Old Business

There was no old business on the minutes.

#### New Business

(A) Derrick Hinson resignation

Hinson has resigned the Executive Committee following some

personal disagreements with fellow members about his status as a registered Republican. Howe reminded the committee that the state of voter registration is not a factor in serving as a member of the EC. The resignation was accepted by EC without objection. This leaves an open position on the EC.

(B) Political party funds

Howe described the conditions on which the LPNC received the political party income tax check-off funds from the State of NC. Members discussed ideas of how to use the money, including using it to help boost membership, and saving it in a certificate of deposit or other account.

Attendees also discussed what restrictions the LPNC had in using those funds. Howe cited the appropriate section in the General Statutes that

Wilcox and Howe reported that they are still revising a guide to give to county affiliates on how to organize and raise funds.

Discussion ended with the decision that more thought needs to be put into how these funds could be dispersed, and that the funds can be saved in an appropriate interest-earning investment in the meantime.

(C) Beitler announcement

Michael Beitler, UNC Greensboro professor and new LPNC EC member, will announce his run for the U.S. Senate on September 17 at the Greensboro Marriott.

Without objection, the EC decided to announce this event, even though he is not officially a nominee of the party.

>>> MOTION: Thomas Hill moved to allocate \$1000 to send mail to current LPNC and LP national members who are not registered Libertarian in NC, encouraging them to update their voter registrations.

SECOND: Jason Bateman

Discussion included that the mailing should go out within the next six weeks (before the next EC meeting), but that Wilcox and others should take time to carefully determine what will be included in the mailing.

>>> PASSED unopposed.

Following business, attendees discussed what the EC can do to help the new Union County affiliate to get organized and grow.

Future meeting dates were set, with the next on October 10, 2009, in either Alamance or Greensboro, and the meeting after that tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2009.

>>>MOTION: Jason Bateman moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Brian Logsdon

>>>PASSED unopposed

CALL TO ADJOURN at 2:07 PM by Howe