

Executive Committee Meeting 20 February 2010  
Held at the Sagebrush Steakhouse, 800 S Main St, Graham, NC

Presiding: Chair Barbara Howe  
Recording: Recording Secretary Stephanie Watson

Other Committee Members Attending:

Rick Pasotto, Phil Jacobson, Matt Drew

Non-voting Members Attending:

Lon Cecil (Davidson)

Also Attending:

Darryl Holloman (Wayne), Ann Smith (Wayne), Brian Logsdon (Mecklenburg),  
Brandon Black (Alamance)

\*\*\* Quorum not achieved; those attending agreed to conduct business to offer reports and discussion without making or voting on motions to allocate funds.

CALLED TO ORDER at 11:18 AM by Howe.

The agenda was discussed and set.

The minutes for January 9, 2010, were discussed, corrections were proposed,  
and Watson agreed to make the recommended revisions.

Chair Report

- Barbara Howe present and reporting.
- Howe shared a letter from Gary Bartlett in response to the LPNC question about whether the attorney expense for the LPNC lawsuit was an acceptable expenditure for funds received from the donations on the state income tax forms. Bartlett's response cited NC General Statute 163-278.42(e) that indicated the degree to which we could use those funds for attorney expenses. The statute indicated that the answer to the LPNC's question was "no." Howe reported that she and Mike Munger had received letters inquiring about use of campaign funds for plane travel. This inquiry was motivated by the results of recent inquiries into the gubernatorial campaign of Mike Easley.
- Howe reported observing the candidate registration for Mike Beitler, Tom Rose, and Thomas Hill on the first day of registration on February 9, 2010.

Vice Chair

- Bev Wilcox was absent and offered no report.

Recording Secretary

- Stephanie Watson present and reporting
- Watson reported that she was able to fulfill her goal of posting the minutes for review immediately following the January meeting, and

that she had received some feedback.

Treasurer

-- John Caveny was absent, but submitted the following report:

::: BEGIN TREASURER'S REPORT :::

Treasurer's Report  
Libertarian Party of North Carolina  
February 20, 2010

Account Balances

General account balance: \$ 37,434.79

Federal account balance: \$ 953.89

Lawsuit figures:

Lawsuit fees balance: - \$ 8,688.32

Expenditures for 2010: \$ 0.00

Since suit began: \$ 50,735.00

Loan balance: - \$ 6,560.00

Other Information

SBOE report for the second half of 2009 was filed at the end of January and is available online at the NCSBOE website. Donations for January, 2010 totaled \$940, and the year-to-date total (through February 19) is \$1,570. We have 15 regular monthly contributions with a total of \$785.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Caveny

::: END TREASURER'S REPORT :::

-- Pasotto expressed a desire for a separate account for holding the funds from the donations from the state income tax forms.

Discussion

followed about the funds and available options for bank accounts.

Membership Secretary

-- Rick Pasotto present and reporting.

-- Pasotto reported that 7 counties have more than 2 delegates (and 2 alternates) they can send to the LPNC convention. Howe asked

Pasotto

to be sure that information was posted at the LPNC convention Web site.

-- Jacobson asked that the LPNC also post a statement along with that about the convention's tradition to suspend the rules and accept

all

attending members as delegates.

-- Pasotto reported that he was still evaluating software for membership

records keeping, expressing some doubt that the current software

he

was evaluating might not work out.

Webmaster

- Rick Pasotto present and reporting.
- Pasotto reported the he was adding candidate information to

LPNC.org

as he received it. He listed the types of information that he was posting for each candidate and encouraged people to send their own information to the site.

-- Pasotto and Matt Drew reported on the progress of the Durham County

affiliate Web site at LPNC.org.

-- Howe stated that she would send Pasotto some changes that needed to

be made to information at the Web site, primarily older information

that was out of date.

CALL TO RECESS at 12:05 PM for ordering lunch

CALL TO ORDER at 12:16 PM by Howe

County Affiliate Affairs

- Bev Wilcox absent, and Howe reported on her behalf.
- Howe indicated that Travers Chandler (Person) was unable to hold the organizational meeting as scheduled for the Person, Orange,

and

Granville joint county affiliate, but that the affiliate was still organizing.

Lawsuit Committee

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe reported that the status of the lawsuit was still holding, waiting for the submission of the amicus briefs which were due March 1st.

Political Director

- Matt Reeps was absent, and Barbara Howe reported on his behalf.
- Howe reported that the first candidate training, held in

Burlington

on February 6, 2010, was successful, though some speakers were unable to attend due to the weather.

-- Pasotto stated that it would be useful for Reeps to submit a report

on such events that can be posted at LPNC.org.

Outreach Director

- Susan Hogarth was absent and offered no report.
- Howe indicated that she had been in conversation with Hogarth

about

her regular email newsletter in hopes of making it more official, specifically to come up with a new title.

Platform Committee Report

-- Thomas Hill was absent, and Phil Jacobson reported on behalf of the committee.

-- Jacobson and Pasotto discussed ways to ensure that the committee's progress and report were available online.

#### Convention Committee

-- Barbara Howe present and reporting.

-- Howe reported that Wes Benedict, Executive Director of the Libertarian Party, had agreed to come and speak, and that Jason

Kay

from the NC Institute of Constitutional Law would not be able to speak.

-- Attendees discussed ideas for other speakers for the convention.

CALL TO RECESS at 12:29 PM to eat lunch

CALL TO ORDER at 12:58 PM by Howe

#### Old Business

##### A. Libertarian State Leadership Alliance conference

Howe reported that she could not attend the conference on February 26-28, 2010, and encouraged anyone else interested to consider going. The conference was scheduled to be in Austin, Texas.

#### New Business

##### A. Proposal about fees to participate in the LP convention business

Phil Jacobson read a resolution being considered by the Libertarian

Party of California addressing requiring payment for delegates to attend and participate in business at the LP convention in May 2010.

The resolution states that the requirement is in apparent violation

of the LP bylaws. Attendees discussed the logistics of charging delegates and meeting the expenses of the LP for the convention.

EC members agreed to discuss the logistics more online and potentially pass a resolution on behalf of the LPNC addressing the same concerns. Jacobson agreed to post a motion online.

##### B. Position Papers

Jacobson explained that other organizations across the country were

putting forth position papers on health care reform and other big political issues. He stated he would like the EC to put forth a health care reform position paper at the state convention, giving

the

convention the ability to discuss and act on the paper before it  
is  
put out as official LPNC position.

The next meeting was confirmed for April 11, 2010, immediately following  
the LPNC State Convention.

>>> MOTION: Matt Drew moved to adjourn.

>>> SECOND: Stephanie Watson

CALL TO ADJOURN at 1:38 PM by Howe without objection