

Libertarian Party of California  
Executive Committee Meeting  
May 15, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ted Brown. In attendance were--

Alameda: Marion McEwen

Butte: Mark Sweany

Contra Costa: John Corl

Golden Gate: George O'Brien, Tom Olson

Orange: San Lanni

San Mateo: Lyn Sapowsky-Smith

Santa Clara: Tom Grey, Linda Torno, Robert Bickford, Steven Alexander, Dave Maxwell, Mark Hinkle

Santa Cruz: Karen Huffman

61: Nancy Neale, Geoffrey Neale

63: John Thie, Kim Goldsworthy

64: Bill Lake, Ted Brown

66: Sylvia Barton, Cullene Lang

The minutes of the previous two meetings were approved.

Mail Ballot results: There wasn't a quorum responding to the ballot propositions so we have no position as yet. The motion to create a Life Membership of the LPC for the amount of \$500 PASSED. Mark Hinkle noted that Tim Brown is our first Life membership since passage.

Chair's Report (Ted Brown);

The Chair discussed various contractors. There's been no documentation concerning problems with the Data Administrator's contract and reports are coming regularly. The Chair had been up to see the LPC Headquarters and wrote a ballot argument against Prop 77. Voter registration lists are available through the Secretary.

Sylvia Barton moved that "we acquire the next updated list of Registered Libertarians from the State in carrier route-zip code order." The motion PASSED.

The Chair authored a letter to encourage the National LPers to join the LPC for a membership drive. Tax protests in L.A. were

organized by John Vernon and we fairly well attended this year. Mark Hinkle mentioned the League of Women Voters PSA announcement is being carried throughout the state.

Secretary's Report (Cullene Lang):

We still needed to submit more names to the Presidential Electors list that is submitted to the Secretary of State. 47 names plus alternates were needed.

Tom Grey made the motion to add to the Electors list those members of the ExeCom who were interested. This motion PASSED.

The Secretary apologized for not having the minutes out within 4 weeks (twice). Thanks were given to Karen Huffman and Brian Esterson for their assistance in getting the Bylaws and Platform printed. Lee Connelly is going to produce "pretty" Platform copies. Membership was at about 1260 as of May 1st.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Maxwell):

See Attachment A.

Northern Vice Chair's Report (Mark Sweany):

His region covers 48 counties, 12 with 10 or more members and 7 which can be considered active. Things are pretty quiet outside of the Bay Area. In Humboldt, Daniel Mosier is holding an organizational meeting and a new activist is working at rebuilding the Party in Shasta. Dr. Pendry and the NVC are using their campaigns to build county organizations. The NVC plans to include candidate activities in his future reports.

Southern Vice Chair's Report (Kim Goldsworthy):

~~See Attachment B.~~ Copies available upon request.

Kim Goldsworthy moved "that the LPC appoint an individual to create or reproduce a packet focused on what the duties and responsibilities (with samples if appropriate) would be for an active and thorough county/region chair; and that the packet be forwarded to the Southern and Northern Vice-Chairs, so that the Vice-Chairs may use it both as a guide and as a training tool." The motion PASSED.

Budget Report (Dave Maxwell):

See Attachment A, page 2 and 3 of 3.

Cullene Lang moved that "of the \$5000 set aside for fundraising, any equipment purchases of over \$500 must be approved by three officers." The motion PASSED.

Mark Hinkle moved that "the LPC shall hire a full-time employee to staff the LPC headquarters." The motion PASSED.

Bill Lake moved to "pay \$1800 per month for an office staffperson for a maximum of six months. The motion PASSED.

Lyn Sapowsky-Smith requested that it be recorded that she abstained on the above two motions.

There was a recess for Lunch. We were back in session at 1:45.

Bob Bickford moved to "amend the budget to increase (under Income) the Pledges and Donations line items by \$5400 each for a total increase of \$10,800; and add a line item "Office Staffperson" under Expenses-Administrative in the amount of \$10,800." The motion PASSED.

The Chair appointed Mark Hinkle and two others of his choosing to oversee the interviewing and hiring of this individual. There was discussion on raising the pledge base to support the office staffperson.

A motion by Mark Hinkle to suspend the rules to allow the Contract Services and Management Committee to report PASSED.

Lyn Sapowsky-Smith moved to delete the part from Dave Bergland's contract about using the laws of California to resolve differences. The motion Passed.

John Thie moved that the LPC "not participate in turning our mailing list over to any organization" in response to the idea that the list be submitted somewhere for ZIP plus 4s. The motion PASSED.

Marion McEwen moved "to bill Jim Peron for his use of Party labels without authorization." The amendment by Bill Lake "to include with the bill a strongly worded letter in language easily understood that unauthorized use of the LPC's mailing list will not be tolerated," PASSED. The motion as amended PASSED.

Fundraising Report (Mark Hinkle):

\$4467.50 has been raised to date from the Reason mailer. The possibility of a LPC VISA Credit card was discussed and will be further studied.

Membership Report (Cullene Lang):

John Thie moved to "spend up to \$2000 to mail to the LP Voter Registration list" for membership recruitment purposes. The motion FAILED.

Management Services and Contract Committee (Lyn Sapowsky- Smith):

Lyn Sapowsky-Smith moved "that all sub-committees be disbanded and those persons wishing to contribute towards the functions of these committees be encouraged to do so as individual libertarians interested in the completion of particular projects, and to extend the full committee meeting session to 1 1/2 days." This motion PASSED.

Legal Report (Jack Dean):

Ted Brown reported for Jack Dean. The LPC has received \$750 from Joy Braun. We have offered to settle for \$15,000 with Ernie Halter but have received no word from him yet.

National Committee Report (Mark Hinkle):

Paul Jacob is working with the Ballot Access Committee now. It looks as though we'll make 45 states in '88.

Strategy Report (George O'Brien):

There was a report handed out. Copies are available on request.

Campus Organizing Committee (no chair):

Marion McEwen talked about getting college interns to work for the LPC.

Reorganization Committee (Tom Olson):

There was no report at this time.

The CQE Initiative is not going to make it this time but everyone should still send in their petitions.

George O'Brien moved to suspend the rules to take up the Convention sight issue. This PASSED.

Convention Bid (Cullene Lang):

The Nevada Chair approves of the LPC holding its convention in Las Vegas. Nancy Neale and Geoff Neale will assist with registration and Pat Wright may assist with getting speakers. It is planned to hold the LPC business sessions in the mornings and have the speaker events in the afternoon. The bid was APPROVED. A contract will be negotiated and signed soon.

Write In Campaigns (Ted Brown);

Bill Lake moved "if we can have the attorney pursue the case pro-bono, we should proceed with a challenge; if not, then we'll review at our next meeting." The motion PASSED.

Ballot Arguments: Prop 66--yes

Props 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76  
and 77--no

PASSED

Larry Leathers reported on the Norma Jean case. She may become a "political prisoner" (Amnesty International). He reminded us to please write to her. Larry has a copy of her book.

Lyn Sapowsky-Smith moved "that the Strategy Committee establish as its number one priority a Libertarian Registration effort to provide logistic procedures of implementation" with regards to the possibility of our losing Ballot Status. The motion PASSED.

Bill Lake moved that "the LPC endorse the 1988 AIDS Tax credit initiative and make this endorsement public via press releases to both the gay and non-gay media." The motion PASSED.

Bill Lake proposed the following resolution:

Whereas the cornerstone of Libertarian Philosophy is responsible freedom of the individual, and

Whereas Libertarianism represents a significant number of eligible voters who have been disenfranchised for the political

process and allowed no voice in Government,

Be it resolved the Libertarian Party of California endorses the concept of Proportional Representation and a unicameral system.

Be it further resolved the State Executive Committee shall appoint a task force of not less than two (2) members to approach the leadership of the other political parties on the California ballot for the purpose of entering into a single issue coalition with them and other interested organizations and community groups in order to draft and place a Proportional Representation Initiative on the 1990 ballot.

The resolution PASSED.

The following resolution with introduced by Ted Brown (written by Dave Nolan) and PASSED.

*Whereas*

The principles of justice dictate that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without a fair trial to determine whether that person has committed an act which causes harm to others. Furthermore, our American legal system is based on the premise that a person is innocent of any crime until proven guilty in such a trial.

*Whereas*

Recent actions by the Coast Guard and Customs Service, acting under instructions from the Drug Enforcement Administration, have been in gross violation of these principles. Under the DEA's new "Zero Tolerance" policy, government agents are confiscating cars, trucks, boats and airplanes simply because small amounts of outlawed substances have been found therein. The owners of the confiscated property are presumed guilty of illegal actions without being tried, and are being deprived of valuable property on the flimsiest of pretexts.

*Whereas*

This new policy poses a grave danger to the civil liberties of all Americans. It invites the fabrication of evidence, provides authorities with a tool for harassment of dissenters, and establishes a dangerous precedent for future confiscation of any person's property for any arbitrary reason.

*Therefore  
be it  
resolved  
that*

The Libertarian Party of California condemns this use of police-state terror tactics and calls for an immediate end to the vicious, un-American "Zero Tolerance" policy.

It was moved to delete Election Brainstorming from the agenda.

The motion PASSED.

It was moved to hold the next ExeCom meeting in the Los Angeles area, hosted by Region 61. The motion PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cullene Lang*

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Secretary, LPC