

1985

Libertarian Party of California
Executive Committee Meeting
October 6, 1985
Sacramento, California

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by the chair Jack Dean.

There were 26 credentialled representatives present (see attachment A). The following motion was passed: seat Mary Gingell as a member of the LPC Executive Committee in the capacity of Immediate Past Chair. The position of Immediate Past Chair shall be determined as the individual who held the position of Chair prior to the individual who is currently serving as Chair, regardless of the length of time the current Chair has served.

The agenda was accepted as presented by the chair.

The minutes were approved as written.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Jack Dean)

Financial situation has improved. Party renewal lawsuit is still on appeal. DMV lawsuit papers have been served; we will attempt to settle out of court. Thanked Bob Lehman for yeoman work as state coordinator. Mr. Lehman passed out blue cards with names of potential candidates and invited those present to fill in evaluation and return the cards to Campaign 86 coordinator Mike Hall.

SOUTHERN VICE CHAIR'S REPORT (Sam Treynor)

Mr. Treynor gave a brief overview of activities in the southern half of the state. Highlights: Los Angeles region 61 will be hosting the 1986 state convention, Orange County has a school board candidate.

NORTHERN VICE CHAIR'S REPORT (Dennis Schlumpf)

Recall effort directed at Calaveras County Supervisor Tom Tryon fell considerably short of required signatures, and a mailing sent out by Mr. Tryon brought in more money than it cost, so he feels that no further recall efforts will be made. Placer, Sacramento and Nevada counties are making an effort to put together a free market newspaper. Santa Clara computer bulletin board has been very successful.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jerry Douglas)

In May we had a deficit between 4300-4400 at which point the contract with our fundraising coordinator was terminated. This improved the situation slightly, but not sufficiently, for by mid-July we had a deficit between 6300-6400. At that point we renegotiated Bob Lehman's contract as state coordinator, and since then, with the help of good fundraising letters, the deficit has been reduced to 2200. By the end of the year, we should be about even. See attachment B, balance sheet and income statement. We have done well at fundraising (20,000 in last 3 months), and no debts are more than 30 days old.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Laurel Fest)

Membership as of September 30 was 1054, up from 1032 the previous March. See attachment C, Membership Status Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contract Services Management Committee (Carolyn Treynor, Chair)

Bob Lehman has been working for reduced fee. He is now looking for another full time position, but has offered to do some projects on a part time volunteer basis. The committee has created a draft document on evaluating the performance of future contractors, which will finish by end of year.

Budget Committee (Ray Cullen, Chair)

Mr. Cullen presented a worksheet (attachment D) with estimated income and expenses for 1985, which was used to arrive at the proposed budget for 1986 (attachment E). A motion to accept the proposed budget was passed.

Convention Committee (Melinda Pillsbury-Foster)

Highlights of the upcoming state convention were given, along with the promise that fundraising at banquet will last only 1/2 hour.

Standing Committee On Conventions (Sam Treynor, Chair)

Bids for 1987 convention are open. Anyone interested in hosting it should get in touch with Mr. Treynor.

National Committee (Mark Hinkle)

Site of next convention changed to Seattle, date not set; much progress made in reducing the deficit; accepting bids for potential new office site; computer situation getting better; LP News will be coming out in October or November; the new LP officers are: Chair: Jim Turney, Vice Chair: Sharon Ayres, Treasurer: Sam Treynor, Secretary: Dean Ahmad, Nat Com Representatives: Bill Evers, Jack Dean, Mark Hinkle, Ranked Alternates: Mary Gingell, Darlene Brinks, Carolyn Treynor, Lyn Sapowsky-Smith, Chris Hibbert, Eric Garris.

Membership/Fundraising Committee (Mary Gingell, Chair; Bob Lehman)

Fundraising has been expanded, and all mailings have been successful with one exception. In future, pledgers will be mailed a copy of other fundraising mailings. The computer database is important: it has allowed us to segment our mailing list and target specific groups. A motion was made to reverse the policy of mailing only 1 copy to all persons at the same address; the motion failed (multiple copies can be had by changing the address, if desired in particular instances). Membership drive and contest begins October 1 and ends January 31. Targets for mailings: National LP members, donors, and former LPC members. Blue cards for each group available to each county/region.

Campaign 86 (Mike Hall, Coordinator)

We must get at least 2% of the vote (of those who go to the polls) in one statewide office to retain ballot status. Need candidates by January to have for general election in November. Local leadership should be first line of recruitment; Mr. Hall will serve as information bureau, will track what happening. Counties can get lists of registered Libertarians from Bob Lehman. Emphasized importance of having good candidates.

OLD BUSINESS

Campus Organizing: last mailing recovered only 50% of costs, but valuable in other respects. Somewhat behind, but have 5-6 campuses on network. Bob Lehman has lists of registered Libertarians in same zip's as these. Ken Royal coordinating this effort.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Krueger elected platform coordinator for convention.

Bylaws committee members elected (they will elect own chair):
Lyn Sapowsky-Smith, Mary Gingell, Eric Garris, Chris Hibbert, Bill White.

Richard Winger reported on HR 2320, which would force states to have fairly easy ballot access for third party candidates for federal office. The bill was introduced in May, the next step will be hearings. Mr. Winger asked for volunteers to help effort to get the bill passed. He also reported on ACA 7, a proposed amendment to the constitution which would make it illegal for any political party to support or oppose any candidate for a nonpartisan office. The bill has passed the state assembly.

RESOLUTIONS

"We the members of the California State Central Committee hereby resolve that the Libertarian National Committee seriously consider and if possible favor scheduling the next Presidential Nominating Convention in the Spring of 1988 rather than the Fall of 1987." Passed.

"Whereas, the Libertarian Party of California recommended a No vote on the California lottery ballot proposition in November, 1984; and whereas, the California lottery system establishes a monopoly on lotteries by the state and aims to support another state monopoly, the public school system; be it therefore resolved that the Libertarian Party of California urges non-participation in the California lottery." Failed.

"Whereas the Libertarian Party of California is in favor of First Amendment free speech rights for all organizations, including political parties, therefore be it resolved that we oppose ACA 7 and AB 434, under consideration by the 1985-1986 California legislature." Passed.

The recommendation was made that when resolutions are passed, someone be directed to send copies to appropriate individuals or organizations, in this case (the ACA 7 & AB 434 resolution), to the senate and assembly election committees.

OTHER

The suggestion was made that we create a 3rd Vice Chair for the central part of the state. A motion was made and passed to refer this to the bylaws committee.

Sacramento Telephone Solicitation Program

John Slaven described his fundraising activities, some of which had been cause for concern. The primary issues under discussion which followed were the use of the name "Libertarian Party" and the use of lists which are the property of the LPC. The following resolution was passed: "Be it resolved that the executive committee formally requests Gaede, Slaven and Associates, AKA Smile and Dial, and Friends of Liberty, to cease and desist using the name of the Libertarian Party in any way that indicates that the call is from the Libertarian Party of California." The following resolution failed: "Be it resolved that the executive committee urges the county organizations not to contract with Gaede, Slaven and Associates, AKA Smile and Dial, and Friends of Liberty, and circulate the resolution to the county chairs."

A motion to hold the next meeting on the Friday afternoon before the convention failed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday February 17, 1986, and the meeting was adjourned.

Laurel Fest, Secretary
Libertarian Party of California

ATTACHMENT A

Credentialed Attendees
Executive Committee Meeting
October 6, 1985

Alameda	William McCord
Butte	Mark Sweany
Contra Costa	John Corl
Orange	Ray Cullen, Jack Dean
Placer	Charles Carr, Dennis Schlumpf
San Diego	Richard Arnold
San Francisco	Eric Garris, Ann Justi (alternate)
San Mateo	Lyn Sapowsky-Smith
Santa Clara	Williamson Evers, Mary Gingell, Christopher Hibbert, Mark Hinkle, Linda Torno
Santa Cruz	Karen Huffman
Los Angeles 61	Jerry Douglas, Nancy Neale, Melinda Pillsbury-Foster
Los Angeles 62	Larry Leathers
Los Angeles 63	Steve Krueger
Los Angeles 64	Laurel Fest, Jon M. Hall
Los Angeles 65	Lee Connelly
Los Angeles 66	Dave Nichols, Sam Treynor