2017 November LP Board Minutes

Email Motions Passed
None

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

October 2017 minutes were approved.

Attendees: Wayne Harlos, Richard Longstreth, John Hjersman, Kim Tavendale, Kevin Gulbranson, Daniel Lutz, Michael Stapleton, Ceryn Ann Harlos, Mike Spalding, David Aitken, Frank Atwood, Michele Poague proxy for Eric Mulder, Clayton Casciato, Justin Mathew, Sarah, Darko Vukovic, Paul Smith

Public Comment
Darko Vukovic - interested citizen who has recently moved from California.

Paul Smith - visitor from Lakewood wants to get involved. He noted that he has volunteered several times and not heard a response.

Frank Atwood - Center Right Coalition Liaison - Frank listed various activities for the next week.

Director's Reports
Chair - Wayne Harlos - nothing to add to his report

Vice Chair - Richard Longstreth - nothing to add to his report

Treasurer - John Hjersman - nothing to add to his report

Fundraising - Eric Mulder - proxy had nothing to add to his report
Campaigns - Kim Tavendale - Todd Mitchum suspended his campaign for US Congressional District 2. Frank Atwood pointed out that candidates don’t need to live in District 2.

Outreach - Kevin Gulbranson - In lieu of a written report: Kevin shared the success of his incredible Night of the Living Statist party. They raised a net of $196. It took 500 cards to get 35 people to show. And the cards did not generate any donations. He and Michele hosted the Taxation is Theft tour and raised ~$1,000. They’ve been asked to participate in a Festivus celebration. And this Wednesday they will meet to push the Stop the Shakedowns petitions. Final date is in March and they will be on Fox TV. Gulbranson asked that everyone advertise this event to their groups. He also mentioned that we have Cinco de Mayo, People’s Fair and Pridefest coming up.

Regions - Daniel Lutz - He and Eric Mulder called 400 to 500 lapsed Libertarians and only convinced 5 to renew. They left voicemail for 70% of these.

Legislative - Michael Stapleton - His campaign for city council went well. He feels he provided a good example of the benefits of Libertarianism. There are a couple of Principles of Liberty training courses coming up. The Colorado Joint Budget committee discussed PERA at today’s meeting. They also noted the growth of Colorado Government. Medicaid 586%. Education 280%. Higher Education 320% higher, etc. This is while population and inflation has only grown 200%.

Membership - Steve Gallant - absent

Communications - Caryn Ann Harlos - nothing to add to her report

Records - Mike Spalding - In addition to his report, Spalding reported that NPR had produced a favorable story on Colorado’s TABOR. (https://www.npr.org/podcasts/563081589/the-taxman)

LNC Region - Caryn Ann Harlos - She felt that the Republic of Yemen resolution didn’t condemn the whole war on terror. The no votes of herself and other representatives stopped the resolution.

Committees

Technology - Clayton Casciato - He’s upgrading the security for our website.
Database - David Aitken - He reminded us that we are supposed to acquire the SOS voter disk. After some discussion board decided to get the disk asap.

Convention - Wayne Harlos - Eric Mulder has resigned from the board and from all chair positions to join the Veterans Affairs advisory committee. Michele Poague updated the board on the problems with the committees hotel search. Tavendale offered to help find a venue. John Hjersman reminded the board that we only have $7800 of non-earmarked funds. Justin Mathew said he might be willing to head the committee.

Policy Manual - Richard Longstreth - Due to several scheduling conflicts, they haven’t been able to meet.

Platform - Clayton Casciato - They will be meeting this month and next month.

Constitution and Bylaws - Richard Longstreth - Had their first meeting. Decided not to combine the two documents at this time. They will be mining previous reports for un-submitted proposals. They want to bring these to the convention. Their next meeting will be December 4th.

Style - Richard Longstreth - Next meeting is Wednesday.

Unfinished Business
Matt Ferguson Lawsuit - John, Wayne and Mike opened up lines of communication. Wayne asked that we have an executive session to vote on our direction.

Mailing to New Libertarians - David Aitken - He spent time training Steve to do email blasts. There about 4K members with emails.

Adopt-a-Road - Kevin Gulbranson - Wayne argued that a sign should be in a high traffic area but not on an interstate. Caryn Ann added that we shouldn’t overlap an affiliate area. Daniel Lutz agreed to contact the various affiliates.

National Platform Committee - Caryn Ann Harlos - She asked if we would want to use Ranked Choice for voting. Richard Longstreth moved that we extend the application period 30 days. This passed without objection.
Lapsed National Party Members - Daniel Lutz - They only had 1 person per hundred calls agree to renew. Longstreth asked that we integrate this info into our database. Longstreth suggested that we use our lists of volunteers.

New Business

IT Equipment - Clayton Casciato - He requested $300 for a capture card to improve our video. Spalding asked about 4K. Clayton responded that we would need to upgrade several pieces to support this. Tavendale said this could help campaign videos. Longstreth moved that Clayton be able to spend up to $325 to purchase a capture card. This passed without objection.

National Members - Caryn Ann Harlos - Have till the end of December to get more national members. This is important as it will affect our delegate count for the national convention.

Fund Raising Email - Caryn Ann Harlos - We have a bunch of opt-ins who we should solicit. Justin offered to write the fundraising email.

New Fund Raising Director - Wayne Harlos - Eric Mulder needs to be replaced. Justin Mathew is willing to serve. Longstreth asked that we solicit the public. Wayne Harlos asked that we have an email meeting in 2 weeks. Caryn Ann will send out a communication to the membership.

Candidates Page - Kim Tavendale - She asked how many websites our platform can handle. Caryn Ann pointed out that this would only be for declared candidates.

Cynthia Lopez - Wayne Harlos - Green Valley Ranch issue. She purchased the home as an affordable housing program participant. Denver says she must sell it for $80k less than market. Channel 7 and 31 have reported on this. Wayne pointed out that there are no deed restrictions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The board then entered executive session on the Matt Ferguson matter.