## MINUTES OF 10/6/2019 MEETING OF THE FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY, INC. (VIA TELECONFERENCE)

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Glogowski Chair
Kari Bittner Vice Chair
Jeff Motta Vice Chair
William Schmidt Secretary
Duane Whitmer Treasurer
Fred Cole Capital District

Queens Aaron Commey M J Dowden Nassau Melvin Foster Tioga Paul Grindle At Large Jim Harris Suffolk Jan-Erik Janson **Hudson Valley** Andrew Kolstee Chautauqua Mike McDermott At Large At Large Steve Minogue Lara Newell Schoharie Chris Olenski At Large Matt Peterson-Volz Cattaraugus Sean Phelan Monroe Chase Tkach At Large

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Rosenbeck Immediate Past Chair

Richard Bell Staten Island Millie Dordal Onondaga **Edward Garrett** Erie Stoner Horey Steuben Gary Popkin Brooklyn Mark Potwora Genesee Keith Price Tioga Westchester Mark Rosen Ilya Schwartzburg Manhattan

## **OBSERVERS**

Jim Dayton Wayne Brandon Lyon Fulton

Chair Glogowski called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm and indicated that the 2 primary items on the agenda would be updates and planning for the FLP November Special Convention and discussion and approval of proposed amended Bylaws. Andrew Kolstee gave an update regarding details the November 9-10 convention in Olean, NY, stating that 8 Libertarian Presidential candidates will be in attendance and that a website has been created (nylibertariansummit.org) that contains further details regarding the agenda, registration, and hotel information.

Secretary William Schmidt confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and requested that the September minutes that were previously circulated be approved subject to two minor amendments as requested by Andrew Kolstee. The amended minutes were approved

accordingly.

Matt Peterson-Volz made a motion to appoint the following committees and chairs to oversee the 11/10/19 special convention: Program Committee, chaired by Andrew Kolstee; Convention Arrangements Committee, chaired by Luke Wenke; Credentials Committee, chaired by Michelle Ball; Committee on Standing Rules, chaired by Matt Peterson-Volz; Resolutions Committee, chaired by Duane Whitmer, with said committees having the power to add members and fill vacancies. The motion carried.

A motion to amend the bylaws pursuant to the draft of the changes proposed and provided by Chair Mark Glogowski, and to present same to the membership at the special convention in November with a recommendation for approval, was made by Paul Grindle and seconded by Chase Tkach. The motion was subsequently amended by Andrew Kolstee to provide \$2,000 in funding to cover postage/other expenses in order to distribute the proposed bylaws changes to the general membership at least 10 days in advance of the convention, (as is required by the current bylaws). The amendment to the motion, and the underlying motion failed to carry.

Treasurer Duane Whitmer reported a current balance in the FLP account of \$18,547.

Andrew Kolstee introduced a motion to propose to the Special Convention in November, a revision to Article 7 of the by-laws below (revised language is in "CAPS"): "Not more than 50 or less than 10 days before the scheduled opening of the convention, the Secretary shall caused to be POSTED ON A WEB PAGE WITH THE LINK mailed to all LPNY members the text of the proposed amendment and the current by-laws proposed to be amended. To take effect, amendments require a 2/3 majority of those members voting". The proposed amendment to the bylaws was approved by voice vote.

Andrew Kolstee made a motion to spend up to \$500 to cover the costs of a convention mailer to the membership, which was approved.

Duane Whitmer made a motion to spend \$1,000 to assist the Erie County LPNY Interim County Organization with an emergency expenditure for ballot access legal fees that they requested. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William K Schmidt Secretary