

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 12, 1997. [Approved.]

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by telephone conference call.

All five of the voting members were present at the meeting:

- Stephen L. Dasbach, the chair;
- Karen A. Allard, the vice chair;
- Gary E. Johnson, the secretary;
- Hugh A. Butler, the treasurer; and
- William W. Hall, LNC representative.

Steve Dasbach noted that Ron Crickenberger had resigned from the Libertarian National Committee and as a LNC representative on the Executive Committee to become a paid member of the staff as political director. The vacancy would be filled at the next LNC meeting.

Non-voting observers Candi Copas, Joseph W. Dehn III, Mark Tuniewicz, and Perry Willis were also present.

The national director, Perry Willis, reported that the monthly financial reports for February had been prepared and mailed.

He said a new telemarketing firm had been hired. The fund raising letters featuring an annual report and an appeal to join the monthly pledge had received strong responses. Harry Browne was asking major donors to contribute to the party and he was not charging any commission.

Direct mail and the demographics of mailing lists were discussed.

Perry Willis said the director of communications, Bill Winter, would be on the Montel Williams television program to talk about the LP position on cloning.

The contract with the hotel for the 1998 national convention was discussed.

Hugh Butler noted that spending had to be restrained as long as revenue was low. Perry Willis pointed out that the graphic designer had not been hired. Hugh Butler observed that the Executive Committee was not following its past practice of not starting a project unless the funds for it were available. The subject of mailing fund raising letters to prospects was discussed. Perry Willis said it would be prudent to mail to proven lists before untried lists. Steve Dasbach noted that test mailings could be used before a full-scale mailing.

Steve Dasbach said enough funds should be available to complete the petition drive in North Carolina. He added that if the drive were completed by June 1, it would gain ballot status for 1997 as well as 1998, 1999, and 2000. LNC regional representative Candi Copas said the North Carolina LP was trying to raise some funds itself.

The legal counsel, Bill Hall, gave a progress report on the lawsuit filed by Peter Schmerl and others in Arizona in which the Libertarian Party was one of the defendants.

Concern was again expressed about the corporate seal and other party property still in the possession of former secretary John Famularo. Perry Willis said that John Famularo still apparently had possession of a computer leased to the office.

Steve Dasbach said John Famularo had not responded to his telephone calls or electronic mail messages.

The subject of having the legal counsel send a letter John Famularo was discussed. Joe Dehn, Perry Willis, Hugh Butler, and Steve Dasbach said they would try to contact John Famularo or other party activists in Pennsylvania before a letter was sent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.