

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Started - Saturday, June 19, 2021

Reconvened - Thursday, July 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Executive Committee members in attendance 6/19/21-

Chair: Jennifer Moore

EVC: Adam Reinhardt (partial attendance)

WVC: Sam Robb

Treasurer: Matthew Baltsar

Secretary: Bonnie Flaherty

Immediate Past Chair: Steve Scheetz

Voting members in attendance 6/19/21 -

Adams/Franklin - Neil Belliveau

Allegheny Co. - Rob Cowburn

Berks Co. - Pete Schwarze (partial attendance)

Bradford Co. - Greg Perry

Bucks Co. - Adam Nutter

Butler Co. - Lawrence Fine

Capitol Area - Luke Ensor

Chester Co. - Stephen Warhaftig

Delaware Co. - Gregory Burton

Lackawanna Co. - Damian Biancarelli
Lancaster Co. - Dominic Pirrochi
LPCPA - Joe Soloski (partial attendance)
Luzerne Co. - Michelle Merino-Taroli
Lycoming Co. - Ed Ploy
Monroe Co. - Joel Getz
Montgomery Co. - Marc Bozzacco
Northampton Co. - Svend La Rose
Philadelphia Co. - Robert Gerenser
Schuylkill Co. - Mitchell Mankiewicz
Susquehanna Co. - Ryan Bourinski
Washington Co. - Doug Smith
Westmoreland Co. - Bridget Reinsmith
York Co. - Timothy McMaster
Elections Committee - Chuck Moulton
Finance Committee - Kyle Burton
Legal Action Committee - Richard Gilly
Legislative Action Committee - Gus Tatlas
Media Relations Committee - Aaron Reinsmith
Membership Committee - Kristine Cousler-Womack
Information Services Committee - John Fetsko

Start Time: Called by Chairwoman, Jennifer Moore, 5:06 PM EST

The meeting opened up with a Point of Order by Marc Bozzacco to question whether or not all county committees with voting privileges have petitions of 12 signature on file, quoting a concern for legal issues arising if not. Mr. Bozzacco makes a motion to make sure these petitions are up to date within 60 days. Jennifer Moore discusses that the Board of Directors moved to accept the county committees in the past, therefore she does not see any way to overturn the board's decision to grant board votes to those counties. Further discussion is made between Svend La Rose, Sam Robb, Chuck Moulton, Mr. Bozzacco, and Ms. Moore. Ryan Bourinski motions this discussion to be Out of Order. Mr. Moulton motions to add this item to the agenda under the New Business section, which was seconded by Aaron Reinsmith. No debate. Item was added to the agenda.

Ms. Moore directs to the next item on the agenda; the approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Moore shared the last meeting's minutes on her screen by request. No corrections were suggested. Minutes were approved.

Ms. Moore shared the agenda on her screen for approval. No additions to the agenda were made at this time. The agenda was approved and accepted.

Ms. Moore opened the meeting to public comment, during which Larry Fine reports that Butler Co. is waiting to hear from the Bureau of Elections regarding registering the county. Drew Bingaman speaks to the issue previously brought up by Mr. Bozzacco earlier in the meeting stating that he believes the minutes should be sufficient record of county affiliates petition and acceptance to the Board of Directors. Chuck Moulton made public comment regarding the turmoil with the Libertarian National Committee and the resignation of the National Chair. Mr. Moulton believes Pennsylvania should focus on the positives and offers words of encouragement to the Board. John Waldenberger congratulates the new board of Bucks County. Sam Robb reminds call participants that they will be muted to alleviate background noise and cross-talk. Svend La Rose informs the Board that the Pragmatist Caucus has been dissolved, and expresses interest in being considered for the National Platform Committee. Public commentary is closed afterward.

Matt Baltsar, Treasurer, shared his screen to give report.

Total assets in accounts at time of report - \$11,554.48

Mr. Baltsar also shared a monthly expenditure report highlighting Convention costs. Mr. Baltsar presented an invoice reflecting the remaining balance owed to Hotel Indigo in regards to Convention, and inquired whether or not this invoice was authorized to

pay, and if not, he requested permission from the Board to do so. Kevin Gaughen reported that \$4023.00 in cash revenue was received as a result of drink sales at Convention. Mr. Gaughen also reported that those funds were deposited into the LPPA checking account on May 17, 2021. Marc Bozzacco inquired what the total balance in LPPA accounts would be if invoice was paid. Mr. Baltzar confirms the total. Rob Cowburn let the Board know during this discussion that he is in possession of the remaining inventory of alcoholic beverages from Convention.

Kevin Gaughen discussed the Executive Director's Report next. In Mr. Gaughen's report, he relays the information that this year was the most successful convention in LPPA history. The LPPA also raised \$101,000 this year - most successful fundraising year. Mr. Gaughen reported that 375 people were registered for Convention, 277 individuals checked in at Convention, with approximately 500 in attendance. Mr. Gaughen also highlighted that PCN televised a portion of the Convention and that the LPPA now has 1,128 members. Mr. Gaughen reported after this that since Convention, \$6926+ has been taken in by LPPA via donations. 30,000 post cards were sent out about the Constitutional amendments. Mr. Gaughen discussed that there is an 8 PM, July 5 deadline for submissions to the Q3 newsletter. Mr. Gaughen discussed the upcoming convention and urged planning to begin now, as he is expecting double the attendance. He also mentioned the necessity to register as a Libertarian to be eligible to be a delegate at the upcoming Convention per the bylaws. Mr. Gaughen, Dr. Moulton, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Schwarze discussed an issue regarding Berks County Bureau of Elections and their refusal to produce the results of the most recent election. Ms. Moore suggested this issue be explored by the Elections and Legal Action Committees. Mr. Gaughen moves on to state that Mr. Baltzar has been added all party bank accounts aside from M&T Bank.

Mr. Gaughen requested a motion that the Board of Directors allocate \$5000.00 to the Elections Committee for the purpose of mailing Moulton Maneuver letters, as this is time sensitive due to petitioning period deadlines.

Chuck Moulton moves that \$5000.00 be allocated to the Elections Committee for the above mentioned purposes with the understanding that anything more may be fundraised for. Dr. Moulton speaks to this motion, engaging with Mr. Gaughen in which Mr. Gaughen estimates that \$5000.00 should cover approximately 10,000 letters via a bulk mailing house. Dr. Moulton went on to discuss the details of the Moulton Maneuver process, of which he has already completed the research work for 35 out of 67 Pennsylvania counties. Dr. Moulton stated that 9,493 letters were ready to be sent out at this point in time, but that 10 more counties were not yet processed. Dr. Moulton

mentioned that previous year's mailing processes were more costly than the current plan using a bulk mailing house. Dr. Moulton suggests that this is only the first of two batches of mailings. Ryan Bourinski seconded the motion. John Fetsko suggested a friendly amendment to add \$1000.00 to the total for the purpose of obtaining a bulk mailing permit, to which Dr. Moulton expressed timing concerns. Nicole Shultz offers expertise surrounding the timing and process of obtaining a bulk mail permit. Mr. Fetsko withdrew his amendment. Marc Bozzacco, Jennifer Moore, Dr. Moulton, Mr. Gaughen, Joseph Van Wagner, and Peter Schwarze discussed the motion further. Ryan Bourinski moved to Call the Question. Steve Scheetz seconded. With 24 votes to call the question and 11 to continue discussion; the Question is called. Steve Scheetz volunteers \$1500.00 toward this effort during roll call vote. The motion passed 30 to 3.

The meeting moved on to Sam Robb giving the Western Vice Chair report, in which he motions that the Board of Directors recognize Beaver County to have a Board vote, as they currently have 15 LPPA members. This matter was discussed at length as a result of Mr. Bozzacco's previous motion regarding counties needing 12 signatures on a paper petition. Mr. Bozzacco objects to the recognition of Beaver County having a Board of Directors presence. Chuck Moulton motioned to postpone consideration until the board reached New Business on the agenda to allow for the discussion to coincide with the original motion regarding signatures. Svend La Rose seconded. No objections were raised. Mr. Robb motioned to recognize Fayette County as organized. Avery Rumberger seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Robb also publicly acknowledged the hard work of Rob Cowburn in thanks.

The meeting moved on to Chuck Moulton giving the Elections Committee report, in which he discussed the Moulton Maneuver at length with several members surrounding the topics of fundraising, timelines, which counties were already complete, phone calls, cost, open positions, and the possibility of an online form.

The meeting moved on to Legislative Action Committee report in which Gus Tatlas reported that the committee was looking to regularly schedule meetings. The committee is working on ballot access issues. Mr. Tatlas also put a call out for volunteers to the committee.

Next on the agenda was the Information Services Committee report in which John Fetsko reported that there is a new NDA to be signed, and out of 114 CiviCRM users, only 65 have signed. Mr. Fetsko stated that if a user lost access recently, it may mean they need to sign this. Mr. Fetsko spoke about a new universal program via LNC, as well future improvements of CiviCRM including an expand and sort by priority in the

'Call Next' dashlet. He also stated that at next month's meeting of the BoD, Information Services would be requesting \$500.00. Sam Robb requested for information in regards to Fayette County obtaining CiviCRM access. Mr. Fetsko attached the link to the chat (see attached).

Kristine Cousler-Womack gave Membership Committee report, reading chair, Sally Combs', notes detailing the committee's outreach plan which included identifying two outreach points of contact in each region (6 volunteers total); these volunteers will conduct outreach to lapsed members, outreach to candidates, and several other tasks.

Aaron Reinsmith gave Media Relations report detailing that this committee sent out a press release regarding the amendments that were voted on during the primaries, as well as sent a blast to membership on the same. Mr. Reinsmith reports the committee is ramping up their efforts on social media using Twitter and Facebook more frequently.

Richard Gilly reported for Legal Action Committee. The committee has not yet held a meeting at this point, but Mr. Gilly discusses his personal research into the Right to Refuse Act.

Svend La Rose motioned to recess to the following week at 5pm. Tim McMaster seconded. There is debate. Mr. La Rose withdrew the motion.

Svend La Rose motioned to adjourn at 8:35 PM EST. Rob Cowburn seconded. Tim McMaster motioned to amend to add "unless we finish sooner" to the end of Mr. La Rose's motion. Ryan Bourinski objected the amendment. Mr. Bourinski motioned to amend Mr. La Rose's motion to 9PM EST unless we end sooner. Chuck Moulton seconded. The second amendment was adopted with no opposition. The motion to adjourn at 9 PM unless ended sooner passed with only three in opposition. Jennifer Moore announced a hard stop to the meeting at 9 PM.

Sam Robb motioned to limit commentary to 1 minute. Kristine Cousler-Womack seconded. The motion passed with no opposition.

It was discussed that Legal Action and Media Relations Committees may coordinate without a board vote if no money is involved.

Marc Bozzacco motioned to recognize Potter County in the absence of the Central Vice Chair. It was found that the chair of Potter County, Kate, had not coordinated with the Central Vice Chair, nor had she completed the proper paperwork for recognition. Jennifer Moore and Sam Robb confirmed that to be recognized, there must be a verified petition presented. Mr. Bozzacco objected, stating that it is not in the bylaws that this

needs to be presented by the Vice Chairs. Ms. Moore ruled this out of order. Mr. Bozzacco appealed the Ruling of the Chair. Chuck Moulton discusses this motion being Out of Order, as the meeting had not progressed to its New Business portion of the agenda. Mr. Bozzacco removes his appeal. A motion was made by Ryan Bourinski to add this matter to New Business, which was seconded by Mr. Bozzacco with no objections from the floor.

Chuck Moulton moved to amend the agenda to consider adding or removing members of committees to the current point in the meeting, returning to the orders of the day afterward. This motion was seconded by Rob Cowburn. No objections were raised, and the motion passed.

The floor was opened to nominations for committees at this time.

Chuck Moulton made a motion expressing a desire to be removed from Membership. John Fetsko seconded his motion. No objections were raised.

Steve Scheetz motioned to add Michael Heise to Legislative Action. Gus Tatlas seconded. No objections were raised.

Marc Bozzacco motioned to add Richard Gilly to Legislative Action. Gus Tatlas seconded. No objections were raised.

Steve Scheetz motioned to add Jacob Winograd to Media Relations. Rob Cowburn seconded. Ryan Bourinski objected to this addition, expressing concern for his willingness to host Jeremy Kaufmann on his podcast. Kristine Cousler-Womack also objected citing similar reasons. Adam Nutter and Marc Bozzacco spoke in favor of Jacob. Jacob spoke on his own behalf. Discussion ensued surrounding the Jeremy Kaufmann situation itself. Bridgette Reinsmith moved to call the question. Steve Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed. The question was called. The motion to add Mr. Winograd to Media Relations passed with only two opposed.

John Fetsko motioned to add David Shera to Information Services. Steve Scheetz seconded the motion. No objections were raised.

John Fetsko motioned to add Deborah Burton to Finance Committee. Rob Cowburn seconded. No objections were raised.

Steve Scheetz motioned to move on to his proposed Policy Manual change (see June agenda) at this point in the meeting. Bridgette Reinsmith seconded the motion. Mr. Scheetz cited Item 7, Section 2 in the bylaws regarding standing committees. Mr.

Scheetz discussed his proposed Policy Manual change; which would limit the amount of voting members on each committee to 7. This motion was discussed at length, and was ultimately tabled until next month. John Fetsko motioned to postpone this matter for July, which was seconded by Aaron Reinsmith. No objections were raised. The motion to table passed.

Rob Cowburn motioned to add Michael Schearer to Legal Action. Marc Bozzacco seconded the motion. No objections were raised.

Marc Bozzacco motioned to nominate Brad Crodo, Joseph Van Wagner, and Michael Mastrocola to Membership. No second was offered before Sam Robb raised an objection to adding new members to committees before the board addressed the tabled Policy Manual change. Mr. Bozzacco spoke on behalf of adding these members at that moment. Kristine Cousler-Womack spoke on behalf of the membership committee in favor of adding these members at this time. Mr. Bozzacco called the question, which was seconded by Matt Baltzar. The motion passed without objection.

Joel Getz motioned to table all additions to committees until the Policy Manual change is addressed in July. Ryan Bourinski seconded this motion. Marc Bozzacco spoke against the motion. The motion failed 15 to 10.

John Fetsko motioned to nominate Arthur Bianca and Wes Benedict to Elections Committee. Steve Scheetz seconded the motion. Marc Bozzacco motioned to add Joseph Van Wagner to Elections Committee. Chuck Moulton seconded the motion. No objections were raised for any of these additions.

Rob Cowburn motioned to add Caleb Shreve to Legislative Action. Luke Ensor seconded. No objections were raised.

Aaron Reinsmith motioned to add 30 minutes to the meeting time. Kristine Cousler-Womack seconded the motion. Many offered opposition to this motion including Bonnie Flaherty and Sam Robb. The motion failed 20 to 12.

Marc Bozzacco motioned to recess rather than adjourn. Tim McMaster seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Jennifer Moore, chairwoman, called the meeting closed for recess at 9:05 PM EST.