



LIBERTARIAN

PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY June 19, 2019

Date and Time: Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 4:00pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston

Other Attendees: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:09pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 5 June meeting were approved with one correction, changing “<pre> directive” to “<pre> element”.

Records Archive: Caryn Ann reported that she has been working on the material from Nevada. She noted that Perry Willis mentioned on Facebook that he has some material, and that Robert Merzi also wrote that he has some material.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that there has been some increase in traffic, up to about 120 users/day. He noted that there was a significant amount of traffic from India for the article about Carol Moore. James said there is a problem with this article in that it was based on one from Wikipedia that has since been deleted, so we can't maintain the edit history as required by the license used by Wikipedia; Joe said we should just re-write this article from scratch. Ed also reported that he is starting to see attempted bot-spam on the backup site, and he is making use of this as an opportunity to experiment with new user filtering mechanisms.

General LPedia: Since it turns out that MyWikis is not able to provide a redirect in support of switching the URLs to include “wiki/”, there was discussion of making use of a 404 handler instead. Ed created a page to demonstrate the idea. Joe said the actual 404 page should include both an explanation of the change and a link directly to the new URL for the requested page. Ed will prepare a request to sent to MyWikis, asking them to both change the site root and forward 404 errors to our page.



Featured Article: Caryn Ann reported that she added some things to the David Bergland article. Joe said we should be able to at least find some additional photos.

Category Rebuild: Caryn Ann said that the structure is now done, but that there are still individual articles that will need to be “wrangled” and some new subcategories may be added. She plans to start working on images after the category work on articles is done.

Deletion Requests: The decision made at the last meeting to delete the “September 17” article still needs to be implemented. There was discussion of deleting the article on Fred Nezami on the basis that he has no connection with the LP, but it turns out he worked on Larry Sharpe's campaign.

Templates and Birth/Death Dates: Caryn Ann has run into an issue with birth and death dates, involving invocation of categories in a way she considers inappropriate, but she will need to consult with Andrew before trying to fix this.

Fundraising: Caryn Ann noted that she is adding this as a standing agenda item. She believes we have at least \$2500 raised, and that taking into account pledges it looks like we will raise more than our budget; if this is the case she will ask for our budget to be increased.

California: Caryn Ann noted the recent controversy about the LPC Platform and asked if it would adversely affect the LPC HPC; Joe said he hoped not.

New York: Caryn Ann said that even though Andrew is taking a break from the committee she asked him to provide updates on anything going on with their historical records.

Next Scanning Job: Caryn Ann reported that the Nevada material included a lot of Nevada newsletters as well as some issues of Libertarian Vanguard; she plans to include these with the upcoming scanning job. Joe said he has some large-format California newsletters that need to be scanned; Caryn Ann said that if he sends them to her she will include them also. She noted that some of the laminated material from the national office files that she is planning to include may require special handling at an extra cost, but we should still get a good scan from them. There was



discussion of scanning what appears to be a complete set of the tri-folds published by ISIL, including whether there is anybody still around from whom we need to ask permission.

Bankers Boxes: Caryn Ann said she had to buy additional boxes to hold the material from Nevada. James moved to authorize this expenditure, and the motion passed without objection.

Craigslist: Caryn Ann reported that the vendor discussed previously has disappeared, so she is planning to experiment with posting things in the Denver area craigslist herself, and suggested that other committee members do the same in their areas.

Increase/Decrease Templates: There was discussion of some templates apparently used to support a particular chart that was imported from elsewhere; James will look into this.

Out-of-Date Document Template: There was discussion of the need for a template that would explicitly mark historical versions of documents as not being the current one, and the possibility of including a link to the current version or a list of all versions. Joe will look into this.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 3 July 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm Mountain time.