

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Coliseum Bar & Grill, Madison  
October 21, 2007

Meeting scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. Actually convened at about 1:00 p.m. after the Chair arrived late and members dined.

An effort was made by Tim Peterson to reach quorum by telephoning absent Executive Committee members.

In attendance:

Chair Linda Sturtzen, Executive Committee members Stu Seffren & Ben Masel, 2nd District; Jim Maas, 7th District; Tim Peterson, 5th District; Dave Hendrickson, At Large; and via cell phone on speaker, Treasurer Marcus Rostig. Missing, representatives from District 1, 3, and 4. Districts 6 & 8 remain vacant.

Past Chair Dave Redick was present for roughly the middle portion of the meeting. Also present, Nina Vasquez, a guest of Linda Sturtzen, and Rolf Lindgren, a former member of the Executive Committee, and Pam Owens.

In the absence of an agenda, Tim Peterson offered one including state fair booth in 2008, the 2008 WI Libertarian Party Convention to be held at the Coliseum Bar in the spring, and a review of the treasurer's financial report.

Tim read the financial report to the group. There was discussion and the financial report was voted to be accepted.

There was considerable discussion of state fair plans. Ben Masel suggested that a laptop in the booth would eliminate illegible handwriting in signing up people interested in receiving party information. Linda stated that a card reader would be helpful, too. Dave Hendrickson estimated that about 5% of the sign-ups he had seen were illegible.

The Chair's Report.

The Chair explained that she has been absent due to work on the Ron Paul Republican nomination campaign. Sturtzen also said she had decided not to pursue a potential statewide candidate on the LPWI ticket and talked someone out of getting on the Excom from District 8 due to unhappiness with the Excom. Sturtzen repeated her displeasure with the treasurer, and threatened to resign if the treasurer continues to hold office. Tim called for a voice vote as to whether the Committee supported Marcus Rostig as treasurer. The vote was affirmative in support of Treasurer.

Seventh District Rep Jim Maas stated that her authority was to act on behalf of

the Executive Committee, which had agreed to put Todd Kopecky in charge of the State Fair Booth, including the work schedule. Linda showed up at the Booth anyway, at Party expense. However, the Chair insisted that she did not come to work the booth.

Dave Redick again voiced his displeasure with sloppiness (“mush”) on the part of the Executive Committee, particularly in failing to demand accountability in previous agreements with Liberty Action and Todd Kopecki concerning the party’s state fair booth (2005 and 2006).

The theme of Dave Redick’s and the Chair’s displeasure with Liberty Action and Todd dominated a considerable portion of the meeting. Tim Peterson stated that the committee will require better accountability from Liberty Action in the future. Dave Hendrickson reminded the Excom that Kopecky was a busy volunteer as well as a contractor for the Party.

The Chair reported that she had been unable to devote a lot of attention to her duties as chairman of the state party because she had been doing her duty in support of Ron Paul’s the presidential campaign. She is also contemplating employment in California but states that she will be able to carry on as Chairman of the state party.

Further discussion covered the dearth of Libertarian candidates for public office, and clarification of the Chair’s authority to spend money.

It was confirmed that Julie Fox will be assisted in planning the state convention by Jacob Burns, and Stu Seffern.

At 1:40 a 10-minute recess was called for. The meeting reconvened at 2:05.

The Chair stated that Andy Sutton has a server space and can host candidate web sites.

Stu was assigned the position of moderator of the Dane County LP Yahoo! Group.

A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Ben that Nina Vasquez be appointed the 4th District Alternate Representative. Carried.

Tim Peterson expressed appreciation to Linda for recruiting two independent women to the LPWI.

There was further discussion of how to find candidates to run for public office. Maas suggested the need for a Campaign Committee to assist candidates. He will ask Jacob Burns about participation.

The suggestion was made that the party should develop rapport with Ron Paul campaign meetup groups and other groups as well, intending to offer an alternative for liberty if the Paul campaign is rejected by Republicans.

The Chair raised the issue of the possibility of losing our 800 number if it is not attached to a landline.

A motion was made by Ben, seconded by Jim, to get a landline for the 800 number. This motion will be voted online.

A motion was made by Stu that the party pay half the price of a wireless Internet service (\$25) for the Chair and the Chair will pay the other half. Carried.

A motion was made by Ben, seconded by Tim, that a party presence be established on Facebook and Myspace, and that a party email address be established for the purpose of providing portability of that address among selected members. Carried.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Tim, that the next Executive Committee meeting be held in Tomah on January 6, 2008, at 12 o'clock noon. Carried.

End of meeting notes.

**Addendum:** It was noted after the meeting that a quorum may not have been met. If that is the case, no business could be conducted. So all carried motions are not in effect. However, I count 6 members present, and with districts 6 and 8 vacant, and no former chair on the Excom, 6 I believe is a quorum (total Excom: 3 officers, 6 district reps, and 2 at-large = 11, and more than half (6) is a quorum. There is a question of Marcus' attendance since not in person, so perhaps the Judicial committee needs to rule on this. JWG , LPWI Secretary – 11/11/07.