

**Minutes of the March 5th, 2020 Meeting of the County Committee
Of the Libertarian Party of Chautauqua County
held at the See-Zurh House, 14 Main Street, Bemus Point, New York**

Members in attendance:

Andrew Kolstee, Chair, Treasurer, State Committee Representative
Len Morlock, Vice Chair
Gerrit Cain, Secretary
Bob Peterson (online)
Pete Hedlund (online)
Chris Hayes
Dan Steward
Dan Adams

Observers:

Sarah Steward
Patrick Swanson, Chautauqua County District Attorney
Paul Wendel, Interim Chautauqua County Executive

Chairman Andrew Kolstee called the meeting to order at 6:37pm

Round Table Discussion: Patrick Swanson

-DA's office handles approximately 7000 cases per year. Staff of investigators, specialized prosecutors, and victims coordinators office.

- \$2.3 million annual budget

-Favors reform of new bail and discovery laws

-Wants to keep juveniles (16-17 year olds) out of the adult criminal justice system

Round Table Discussion: Paul Wendel

-Proud of bipartisan work as Chairman of the Legislature

-Believe county "investment" in Industrial Development is necessary to support the local economy.

-Committed to the county be highly involved in the creation and funding of Chautauqua Lake management.

-Has secured grants for wastewater treatment projects and favors consolidation of water districts with less than 3500 customers.

Secretary Report: Gerrit Cain

-Motion by Mr. Cain to accept the February 2020 meeting minutes as written was seconded by Mr. Steward and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Kolstee

-Account balance \$116.28

-Motion by Mr. Cain to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Mr. Morlock and unanimously approved.

State Committee Report: Andrew Kolstee

-Attempt to change the rules for special elections failed. Duane's candidacy challenged in court

-Additional court challenge to an alternate set of rules for the ISC

-Jacob Hornberger is the only candidate to successfully file for the Presidential Primary. Armstrong campaign filed court papers to challenge the late filing ruling.

- Discussion of other campaigns activities and election law dynamics
- March 8th next ISC meeting
- FLP still not officially dissolved.

New Business

Discussion of future cross endorsement meetings, deadlines and dynamics of petitioning, approval, and certification of candidates.

- George Borrello, State Senate. -Jason Schmitt, County District Attorney
- 3/19/20 as a tentative date to meet with both

Discussion of Judicial District 8 slate and dynamics of petitioning and campaigning for June election.

- Competing Slate in Niagara County may challenge our petitions.
- Petitioning until April 2nd. Duane circulation JD8 slate petition along with his.

Discussion of Congressional Candidates

-Keith Price 22nd Congressional district petitioning as LP candidate. Claudia Tenny, a republican attempting to get our line for this race.

- Andrew Kolstee will petition to be the Libertarian Candidate for the 23rd Congressional District.

National Convention May 21-26 Austin TX. State Convention weekend of 9/27 in NYC

Next meeting 4/2/20

Motion by Mr.Cain to adjourn was seconded by Mr. Adams.

Adjourned at 9:27pm

Respectfully submitted

Gerrit Cain, Secretary