

# **Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Chair's Report – August 5, 2021 – Page 1**

## **STATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An Executive Committee meeting was held on July 19, 2021. Jeff Bradley was appointed the County Contact for Yates County. It was reported that the fundraiser in July 2021 raised over \$5,000 in profit. Another Executive Committee meeting was held on July 26, 2021, in which Eric Cordova was voted as the LPNY's nominee for Region 8 Alternate Representative. After being placed into nomination and voted on by the 8 State Chairs in the region, he placed second in the vote to Pat Ford, who is now our Region 8 Alternate Representative. Event insurance was also purchased, and County Affiliates are asked to donate towards it whenever they have an event and need insurance.

2. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An in-person meeting of the State Committee was held on July 18, 2021 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. 10 vacancies were filled, the LPNY Rules were amended, and a platform plank was approved, but not fully voted on as a part of the platform. The next State Committee meeting will be held online on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 7 p.m., with a focus on continuing the Platform Committee's report. An in-person State Committee meeting will be held the weekend of November 5-7, 2021 in Syracuse. This will be a much larger event and will include guest speakers. More details will be released as the event gets closer.

3. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** Michael Kuzma, one of our attorneys, filed paperwork on July 30, 2021. No update on further action or hearings.

4. **TRAININGS.** The next monthly meeting for County Affiliate leaders is Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

## **BUSINESS**

1. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** We currently have 8 election district delegates. We have a total of 198 positions to be filled and we need at least 50 members by 2022 to form a constituted county committee under Election Law. Jackson Arthurs sent me an email and intends to enroll as an independent and create an independent political party.

2. **ENROLLMENTS.** As of August 5, 2021, we have 269 enrolled Libertarians in Chautauqua County. This is a drop from the 275 enrollees on February 25, 2021. We gained 6 new enrollees and lost 12 enrollees.

3. **FACEBOOK.** Meetings through August 5, 2021 are set up on Facebook.

4. **WEBSITE.** Meetings are up on the website through September 2, 2021. The candidate questionnaire still needs to be fixed on the mobile version.

## **ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS**

1. **GERRIT CAIN FOR COUNTY LEGISLATOR.** Now that we are getting closer to the election, local political campaign activity will be picking up.

## **OUTREACH**

1. **LIBERATE CHAUTAUQUA.** The next meeting is set for August 12, 2021.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** This document will continue to be refined as new issues surface and more information is available.
2. **GENERAL ACTIVISM.** Ideas we have discussed: creek cleanup, working with other organizations, working with NY Volunteers, etc.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. **FUNDRAISER.** TBD Summer 2021. This could be used as a campaign event instead, since that is the primary focus for fundraising. The Erie County Libertarian Party had a successful chicken BBQ fundraiser, and it is an ideal I think we should consider.
2. **SUMMER PICNIC.** At the July 2021 meeting, we determined that we would schedule our picnic at our August 2021 meeting. The pavilion at the Mayville VFW with the chicken BBQ in 2020 was a great event and would be ideal again for our 2021 summer picnic. I reached out to Duane Whitmer about the possibility of doing a Western New York Libertarian picnic and he is on board.
3. **ANNUAL CONVENTION.** TBD September/October 2021. We always have a guest speaker at our convention. Any ideas for a guest speaker? Combination with our annual picnic?

For other events, we may want to coordinate as the Western New York Libertarian Coalition and hold a regional event.

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