

# **Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Chair's Report – November 4, 2021 – Page 1**

## **STATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An Executive Committee meeting was held on October 29, 2021. Yates County became an official affiliate and ballot proposals were discussed and voted upon. Recommendations were passed to Vote No on Proposals 1, 2, and 4. No recommendations were given for Proposals 3 and 5.
2. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** A State Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, in Syracuse and on Zoom during the Empire State Freedom Summit.
3. **EMPIRE STATE FREEDOM SUMMIT.** Set for the weekend of November 5-7, 2021, in Syracuse, it will be a large event with workshops, speakers, a fundraiser, and a business meeting.
4. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** No update.
5. **TRAININGS.** The next monthly meeting for County Affiliate leaders is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

## **BUSINESS**

1. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** We currently have 7 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.
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 January 6, 2022 are set up on Facebook.
4. **WEBSITE.** Meetings are up on the website through February 3, 2022. The candidate questionnaire still needs to be fixed on the mobile version.
5. **2022 ANNUAL LETTER.** It is not too early to start thinking about our 2022 annual letter, in which we can also advertise our spring fundraiser, if we can get that organized in time.

## **ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS**

1. **GERRIT CAIN FOR COUNTY LEGISLATOR.** The unofficial results are in, and Gerrit received 270 votes (14.61%). Opponent Dustin Carvella had 193 votes (10.44%) and John Davis with 1,326 votes (71.75%). This does not include the absentee ballots, which will be opened on November 15, 2021. There are 2,516 absentee votes countywide. Voter turnout so far is 30.44% for the county.

## **OUTREACH**

1. **NETWORKING.** Some of us have been networking and attending meetings of the WNY Freedom Seekers and TEA Party Patriots.

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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.
3. **WNYLC.** I had a conversation with Duane Whitmer regarding networking with all Western New York Libertarians to help overall growth of the party in the region. We agreed to wait until after the election to move forward with this.
4. **2022 PLANS.** After the election, we need to have a plan for 2022 moving forward. One of the ideas discussed was in regard to ballot initiatives that voters will be able to vote for or against the sale of cannabis, if their local government officials chose to opt out.
5. **LEGISLATIVE SURVEY.** This was successfully done in Suffolk County, and something we may want to explore doing. We would need the list of questions, first.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. **VETERAN SPEAKER.** No update on the veteran speaker, Kiran Hill.
2. **LARRY SHARPE IN WESTERN NEW YORK.** Larry Sharpe is doing his Full Sharpe tour again to visit all 62 counties. He will be in Western New York the weekend of November 20-21, 2021. We will host him at the Celoron Legion on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 2 p.m.
3. **FUNDRAISER.** We have postponed the idea of doing a chicken BBQ fundraiser for next spring.

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