

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PETITIONING COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Steven Becker
Mark Braiman
Jeffrey Denecke
Richard Purtell
Wendi Szabo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Olenski
Philip Vecchio

OBSERVERS

Samuel Hordeski
Duane Whitmer
James Ziobro

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Andrew Kolstee presented an introduction on the committee's tasks for the statewide petitioning drive. There is need to write a candidate recruitment email to go along with the campaign to recruit down ballot cross-county candidates.

Mark Braiman reported that there may be a candidate for the 107th Assembly District – Evan Lebrecht. Braiman also said that Lebrecht volunteered to serve as statewide petition collector as he is near Albany.

Duane Whitmer suggested searching for close races to put candidates over the top, especially candidates that support issues that the Libertarian Party supports. The support would be under the Libertarian line provided they petition with the Libertarian Party's Presidential stand-in candidate.

There was a discussion of finding districts with cross-county candidates. Braiman is still working on recruiting Assembly candidates from Madison County. There are 5 districts in that county.

There was also the discussion of the change of congressional districts. Legal options were also discussed.

There was a discussion of obtaining volunteer pledges.

The focus of the committee to obtain signatures is to recruit candidates, both Libertarian and potential cross-endorsements provided they petition with the Libertarian Party's Presidential stand-in candidate. Additionally, recruiting volunteers and securing pledges from people.

Mark Braiman stressed the need to reach out to enrolled Libertarians and collect their emails to conduct straw polls and recruit them as petition signers.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Chair of the Petitioning Committee