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STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.** An Executive Committee meeting was held on June 14, 2021. Cody Anderson and Rich Purtell both reported on a video they recorded summarizing the end of the legislative session. This can be found on the LPNY YouTube Channel. The LPNY Discord Server was voted as the official messaging and collaboration platform for the LPNY, and full transition is set for August 1, 2021.
2. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An in-person meeting of the State Committee is set for July 18, 2021 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, with a cocktail fundraiser the evening before. All details are on the website. Another in-person State Committee meeting will be held the weekend of November 5-7, 2021 in a location to be determined.
3. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** No update.
4. **TRAININGS.** The next monthly meeting for County Affiliate leaders is Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Additionally, there is a new finance training guide on the party resources page on the LPNY website.

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.
2. **ENROLLMENTS.** Now that the June 2021 primary is over, we should be seeing an update of voter enrollments after the freeze. The February 25, 2021 voter list showed that we have 275 enrolled Libertarians in Chautauqua County.
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.** Gerrit Cain is on the ballot, and he has been mentioned in the press, including an article about the launch of the campaign as well as alongside the County Executive candidates and their stances on the Lake District issue.

OUTREACH

1. **LIBERATE CHAUTAUQUA.** Meetings will resume in August 2021. Date of next meeting? Topic of discussion?

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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.** In order to move items out of our 2021 plan, I have placed such items here that we discussed: a 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.** TBD Summer 2021. 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. As the summer approaches, we will schedule the annual summer picnic.

3. **ANNUAL CONVENTION.** TBD September/October 2021. We always have a guest speaker at our convention. Any ideas for a guest speaker?

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

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