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STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **STATE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An Executive Committee meeting was held on May 19, 2021. There were several committee reports and among the highlights include a successful fundraising campaign, a future LPNY online merchandise store, the creation of an LPNY Clubhouse group, further efforts to streamline communication, and continuation of legislative discussions. An in-person meeting of the State Committee is set for July 18, 2021 in the Albany area. Another in-person State Committee meeting will be held the weekend of November 5-7, 2021 in a location to be determined.

2. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** On May 13, 2021, Judge John G. Koeltl denied our motion for a preliminary injunction. There is no further information on dates for the next steps in the lawsuit.

3. **TRAININGS.** The next monthly meeting will be held for County Affiliate leaders on Tuesday, June 8, 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.

2. **FACEBOOK.** Meetings through June 3, 2021 are set up on Facebook.

3. **WEBSITE.** Meetings are up on the website through September 2, 2021. The candidate questionnaire does not work on mobile, but I have not had a chance to figure out the issue. The questionnaire works fine on the desktop version.

ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **INDEPENDENT PETITIONING.** The independent petitioning period ended on May 25, 2021. Gerrit Cain filed 102 signatures and needed 73 for County Legislator District 16. No challenges have been received.

2. **CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT FOR GERRIT CAIN.** The event was held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at Anthony's Supper Club, in which additional petition signatures were gathered. About 15-20 were in attendance in total.

3. **PRESS RELEASE.** We will need a press release regarding our candidates, probably once we know where we stand on the ballot, which should be after this week.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

1. **PRESS RELEASE.** A press release in regard to our opposition of the Lake District was issued on May 26, 2021.

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2. **LIBERATE CHAUTAUQUA.** The third meeting, focused on the Lake District, was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021. These discussions are helping us develop a legislative agenda and prioritize issues to address. Groups that are interested in this include Advocates for Balance at Chautauqua and Chautauqua Updates.

2021 PLANNING

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. **LIBERATE CHAUTAUQUA.** Next meeting? Topic of discussion? Continuation of addressing Lake District issue? Next issue in which to write a press release?

2. **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. There is a possibility of doing the fundraiser through Anthony's Supper Club.

3. **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.

4. **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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