

**Libertarian Party of New York  
State Committee Minutes  
June 23, 2001**

Present: Richard Cooper, Audrey Capozzi, Blay Tarnoff, John Clifton, Caryn Tarnoff, Jim Lesczynski, Bonnie Scott, Jeff Russell (by conference call), Jim Harris (Suffolk Rep.), Gary Snyder (Manhattan Substitute Rep.), Vince O'Neill (Nassau Rep.)

**Treasurer's Report (John Clifton):**

The complete report will be posted to the e-mail list. The pre-convention balance was \$20,753.19. Subsequently, we have had approximately \$4,800 in income and approximately \$1,724 in expenses. The latest balance is \$23,855.99.

**Motion to Decertify Kings County:**

Bonnie made a motion to decertify Kings County, seconded by Blay. Jim L. commented that Matt Siegel indicated that the chapter has not met in two years. Gary Popkin has commented that there is no point in staying active and that the chapter members should be involved in the Manhattan chapter. The motion passed with nine votes in favor and two votes opposed.

**Kramer Campaign Request for \$4,500:**

Richard pointed out that the campaign has made a \$4,500 request to the LPNY. Blay inquired about the difference between hard money and soft money donations. Richard indicated that "in kind" contributions, such as money spent on mailings or petitioning, have to be reported.

Blay moved to donate \$4,500 to the Kramer for Mayor Campaign. Audrey seconded. John requested a friendly amendment that this motion should supercede all previous motions regarding donations to the Kramer campaign. Blay did not accept the friendly amendment. Bonnie submitted John's friendly amendment as a motion. John seconded. Bonnie's motion passed with eight votes in favor and two opposed.

The amended motion to donate \$4,500 to the Kramer campaign passed with nine votes in favor and one vote opposed.

**Yehuda Katz Endorsement:**

Yehuda Katz would like to run for City Council, representing District 48, which is in Brooklyn. Jim L. commented that Yehuda seems like he would be a strong candidate. Gary moved to endorse Yehuda Katz. Caryn seconded. Blay asked what authority allows the State Committee to endorse Yehuda. Rich answered that the Convention gave the authority to the State Committee to endorse candidates in areas not covered by county or multi-county parties. The by-laws give that authority to the State Convention which delegated it to the State Committee. The motion to endorse Yehuda passed with ten votes in favor and none opposed.

**Dalia Flores Endorsement:**

Bonnie moved to endorse Dalia Flores for City Council. She would represent a district in the Bronx. Caryn seconded. Bonnie commented that Dalia is a member of the LP and would like to cut taxes. The motion to endorse Dalia Flores passed with nine votes in favor, none opposed, and one abstention.

#### Subcommittee to Endorse Candidates:

Rich raised the issue of whether we should create a subcommittee to endorse candidates. The Committee agreed that this issue should be handled at the next convention.

#### State Committee Meeting Schedule:

John moved that the State Committee should hold meetings on the fourth Saturday in January, April, June, and August. Caryn seconded.

John agreed to accept a friendly amendment to add the phrases "or at the Convention" after the "fourth Saturday in April" and "or at the annual barbecue" after "the fourth Saturday in August."

John's amended motion regarding the State Committee meeting schedule passed with ten votes in favor and none opposed.

#### Southern Tier Chapter:

Rich stated that the Southern Tier has submitted documentation of its having met the LPNY requirements regarding recognition as an official chapter. Jim H. moved to recognize the Southern Tier as an official chapter of the LPNY. Jim L. seconded. Blay commented that the amount of land that the chapter covers should not matter in the LPNY decision to recognize a chapter as official. Jim H.'s motion to recognize the Southern Tier passed with ten votes in favor and none opposed.

#### Petitioning:

Jim L. indicated that city-wide candidates need 7,500 signatures. The candidates could appear together on one petition.

#### E-Mail Voting:

Blay moved that all pending e-mail motions terminate if they have not concluded by the date of the next in-person State Committee meeting.

Caryn seconded. Blay's motion passed with ten votes in favor and none opposed.

Jim L. made the following motion (seconded by Audrey): Upon approval of this motion by the LPNY state committee, all prior email voting rules are repealed. The following procedures for Internet voting shall be used by the LPNY state committee:

1. All voting between official meetings of the state committee shall be done by polls on the lpny\_committee Yahoogroups website. Committee members will be made aware of such polls through email notices sent to the lpny\_committee email list whenever new polls are created. Votes will only be counted if they are cast through the web poll; votes cast by email will not count.
2. Motions made by Internet poll do not need to be seconded.
3. All polls will be programmed to close automatically in exactly seven days. Committee members can change their votes any time during the seven-day voting period.
4. Motions to spend money via Internet poll may be for any dollar amount.

5. An Internet poll motion shall carry if it:

- a) receives a total number of votes equivalent to a quorum of the State Committee, and;
- b) passes with a majority of those votes.

These conditions hold for all non-monetary items and for all monetary items under \$5,000.

For all items over \$5,000, the motion requires a majority of the State Committee to pass.

6. Because the lpny\_committee Yahoogroups website can support no more than 25 polls at a time, the secretary of the committee must certify all Internet polls within five days of their closing, and the committee member who created the poll must delete the poll from the website within two days following the secretary's certification of the vote.

7. Electronic polls must be completed between in-person committee meetings. Any electronic polls still open on the day the committee meets in-person must be deleted by their creators and any votes cast for those polls must be disregarded.

Rich requested that State Committee members, when discussing official business of the Committee, should write, "LPNY Business" on the subject line of their e-mail messages.

Blay moved to table Jim L.'s motion until the next State Committee meeting. Blay's motion to table failed with four votes in favor and six opposed.

Jim's motion regarding e-mail voting passed with five votes in favor, four votes opposed, and one abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41.