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STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** A State Committee meeting was held on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Three State Committee members in Judicial District 10 enrolled in the major parties, which created three new vacancies. The decision to hold hearings to remove certain members of the State Committee was rescinded and the meeting was short. The Executive Committee meeting was held on February 23, 2021, in which minutes were approved, certifications for nine counties were approved (including Chautauqua), three new County Contacts were appointed for Cayuga, Niagara, and Steuben Counties, and the motion to request hearings to remove certain members of the State Committee was rescinded. The next meeting of the State Committee will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2021, for the primary purpose of considering the approval of Certificates of Authorization and filling the eight vacancies on the State Committee.

2. **LAWSUIT.** In the request for a preliminary injunction, which would allow us to remain recognized as a political party while the lawsuit is ongoing, the New York State Board of Elections submitted their response on January 29, 2021. The LPNY submitted a response on February 17, 2021, but no further action has occurred in the case.

3. **LOCAL AFFILIATE DEVELOPMENT.** The next monthly meeting will be held for County Affiliate leaders on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and Rob Arrigo will continue his presentation on the nature of politics. A meeting was held on March 1, 2021 for County Contacts of unorganized counties. County Contacts in Montgomery, Rockland, Steuben, and Washington counties were present.

BUSINESS

1. **CERTIFICATION.** The Chautauqua County Libertarian Party was officially certified as having met all the requirements of the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York on February 23, 2021.

2. **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.

3. **FACEBOOK.** Meetings through April 1, 2021 are set up on Facebook.

4. **WEBSITE.** No updates since the last meeting.

2021 OPERATIONS

The status of the items we placed in the 2021 plan are in this section.

1. **CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE.** The candidate questionnaire is up on the website and ready for candidates to apply for our endorsement.

2. **CALL FOR CANDIDATES.** A call for candidates is in the annual newsletter.

3. **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Our drafted legislative agenda needs to be refined further. Since the focus is county issues, this agenda can be something that develops, along with campaigns this year.

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2021 OPERATIONS (continued)

4. **PETITIONING AND FILING DATES.** The 2021 political calendar has been changed. Petitioning began March 2, 2021 (instead of February 23) and the filing dates are March 22 – 29, 2021. We would need 14 signatures for a countywide office. The independent petitioning begins on April 13, 2021 and the filing dates are May 18 – 25, 2021. Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) was eliminated this year.

5. **LIBERATE CHAUTAUQUA FORUMS.** A planning meeting is set for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1. **CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT FOR GERRIT CAIN.** Tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2021 at Anthony's in Frewsburg. We need to begin planning this event.

2. **CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT FOR LEN MORLOCK.** Tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2021 at the Mayville VFW. We need to begin planning this event.

3. **FUNDRAISER.** TBD Spring 2021. We need to begin planning this event. We are probably going to replace this event and/or merge with the annual convention.

4. **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 and we find out about more events, we will then schedule the picnic.

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

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