

**Minutes of the August 1st, 2019 Meeting of the County Committee
Of the Libertarian Party of Chautauqua County
held at the See-Zurh House, 14 Main Street, Bemus Point, New York**

Members in attendance

Andrew Kolstee, Chair, Treasurer, State Committee Representative
Len Morlock, Vice Chair
Gerrit Cain, Secretary

Observers

Andrew Liuzzo
Raven Mason Thompson
Alan Gustafson Jr. (online)
Dan Pacos
Austin Morgan

Chairman Andrew Kolstee called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

Secretary's Report: Gerrit Cain

- Back minutes tabled to allow members further time to review.

Introduction of guests and candidates

Treasurers Report: Andrew Kolstee

- Current Balance of \$277.23
- Considering a fundraising letter in the fall
- Motion by Mr. Morlock to accept the Treasurers Report was seconded by Mr. Cain and carried by unanimous consent.

State Committee Report: Andrew Kolstee

- 14 Chautauqua County candidate certifications we issued and sent to the Board of Elections.
- Certification deadline is 8/15/19
- State Committee meeting considering the logistics of dissolving the corporation.

Campaign Reports:

Andrew Liuzzo- Mayor City of Jamestown

- Forum scheduled for 8/9/19 6pm to discuss plans including: Repurposing abandoned factories into either cold storage or indoor growing facilities to supply local produce, reforming zoning and code to allow for refurbishment of old homes and lots as well as construction of small pre-fabbed homes.
- Fundraiser at the Sheldon House in September.

Raven Mason Thompson- Jamestown City Council Ward 2

- Working with Liuzzo campaign.
- More ideas for repurposing industrial space through ongoing conversations throughout the season.

Dennis Welka- Dunkirk City Council Ward 1

- Six member team working together
- Campaign headquarters in need of LP literature
- Possible fundraiser later on in the season

Gerrit Cain- District 16 Chautauqua County Legislator

- Organizing cleanup
- Attending town meetings and local events

Candidates Seeking Cross-endorsement

Austin Morgan- NY State Senate 57th District

- Has been out meeting people for the last 5 months. Doing little fundraising.
- Upcoming Golf Fundraiser in the Freedom-Angelica area.
- Has the plans and the power to help people
- Recently met with Catt County Libertarian members

Dan Pacos- Town of Pomfret Supervisor

- Wants to work to lower water and sewer rates in the town to help attract more business
- Poor shared service agreements with City of Dunkirk
- Carriage House lost due to poor business climate

Allan Gustafson Jr.- Village of Falconer Trustee

- Interested in working with local libertarians to revitalize business/industry and streamline local government
- More open seats for trustee than there are candidates running-> shoe in.

Chairman Kolstee dismissed non-members and called for a 10-15 minute recess at 7:59pm

Meeting called back to order by Chairman Kolstee at 8:16pm

Vetting interview with Austin Morgan (archived audio)

- Education: Less testing, fewer mandates, more local control. Online school. In favor of consolidation at the County level. Common Core- largely reasonable. Implementation went wrong. Disconnect between lawmakers and modern educators.
- Health Care: Everyone deserves health care. Centralized system. "Public option" for basic coverage. Competition instead of collusion.
- Second Amendment: Common Sense. Protection and hunting.

Votes on Cross Endorsement

Frank Beach: Dunkirk City Council at Large

- 2 No, 1 Abstain: Not Endorsed

Dan Pacos: Town of Pomfret Supervisor

- 3 Yes: Endorsed

John Sedota: Town of Pomfret Board Member

- 3 Yes: Endorsed

Allan Gustafson Jr.: Village of Falconer Trustee

- 3 Yes: Endorsed

Motion by Mr. Morlock to adjourn was seconded by Mr. Cain.

Adjourned at 10:26pm

Respectfully Submitted by Gerrit Cain, Secretary