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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY February 20, 2019

Date and Time: Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos (came in during the personal collections discussion), Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee

Other Attendees: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 6 February meeting were approved.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that we are continuing to get about 100 users/day, mostly from search engines.

LPedia URLs: Ed said that the response from MyWikis indicated that they will be making the “wiki/” change at some point, when they get around to it, and that it will include a redirect, which will probably last until we ask for it to be removed. Joe said we should keep the redirect in place for several months at least.

Personal Collections: James reported that he may be providing a scanner to Marshall Beerwinkle to help him with scanning some of his own material. Even though this is not an official archive, James suggested we have a place on our agenda to discuss such collections; there was no objection to doing that.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has been looking at press releases and also found some additional issues of Libertarian Volunteer; she is trying to see how much material there might be for a relatively easy scanning project. She received a box of material from Paul Grant. She finally had a chance to review the boxes that had been lent out by the national office for a project relating to Ed Clark, and it turns out that they are all tapes of various kinds, including video, audio, and data; some are in very old or even unfamiliar formats; and some items appear to be unrelated to Ed Clark, but those may be just duplicates of things we already have otherwise.



General LPedia: Caryn Ann is continue to work on the category rebuild.

Alabama: Caryn Ann has been working with the person who is uploading their material to help her get started.

California: Joe has started scanning and uploading issues of various past state newsletters.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann reported that this waiver has been signed and received; it includes an attribution requirement.

New York: Andrew reported that he had successfully downloaded the messages from two large Yahoo groups, each containing tens of thousands of messages, and each being now saved as a file of several hundred megabytes. There was discussion of ways to format/organize them for presentation on LPedia. It was decided that as a first step the files should simply be uploaded as they are to the server we are using for large video files and backups; from that, people can then do other things if they find interesting content.

Volunteers: Caryn Ann reported that one volunteer is working on the “national e-mails”, doing a good job with them and averaging about one formatted/uploaded per day. Another volunteer who was to work on the Ustream downloading hasn't gotten started yet. Caryn Ann is making a list of potential projects with descriptions so that potential volunteers will be able to pick one that fits their interests.

Committee Membership: A message with followup questions was sent to the four applicants identified at our last meeting. One has already responded, but it was decided to defer this topic to the next meeting to give the others time to respond. Joe suggested sending a reminder about a week before the next meeting to any who haven't responded by then.

Material from Paul Grant: Caryn Ann reported that she met with Paul Grant for three hours. He had many stories to tell and gave her a box of material of various types, including buttons, bumper stickers, material from conventions in the 1970s, and material relating to various state parties.



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Scanning: Caryn Ann said that good-quality scanning of “simple” material (8 ½ x 11 in good condition) can be done for about 10 cents per page based on a minimum order of \$1,000 (i.e., about 10,000 pages); she cited two possible vendors. She would like to go ahead with this approach for scanning press releases, Libertarian Volunteers, and fundraising letters. In response to a question about whether this batch could include things like reports and minutes, she said that would make the job more complicated because of the need to take things out of binders and such and then putting them back properly. Caryn Ann moved and Joe seconded to authorize spending \$1,000 for scanning at a maximum price of 10 cents per page for simple material; the motion passed with no objection.

Storage Boxes: Caryn Ann explained that the shelving in the middle of the storage room is wider than the shelving along the sides, so larger boxes would allow us to make better use of the space. She moved and Ed seconded to authorize spending up to \$100 for such boxes; the motion passed without objection.

Button Displays: Caryn Ann said that more display cases will be needed to hold the buttons we have been collecting, but that more cases like the one we bought before may not be the best solution because of the shapes of the wall spaces in the national office; she would like flexibility to work with national office staff to decide on appropriate types of displays. She also has a Badnarik t-shirt that would be nice to display. She moved and James seconded to authorize spending up to \$150 on display cases to be coordinated with national office staff; the motion passed without objection.

Budget: Caryn Ann said that, after the expenses authorized today, we have about \$1200 remaining in our budget for the year, but that if she is able to raise more money for our projects she could ask for our budget to be increased.

Statement of Principles: Caryn Ann reported that the mystery of how we had a copy of the draft Statement of Principles that did not show evidence of a coffee stain, when the actual original had a coffee stain, has been solved. Paul Grant had copies of more than one draft proposal from the first convention, which had been apparently been made during the convention for delegates to review, and the copy we had of the one that was actually adopted was from that time, but the coffee wasn't spilled on the original until some time after that convention.



Old Web Sites: There was a brief discussion of making copies of and somehow displaying old web sites.

Illinois: Caryn Ann reported that the Illinois LP is gathering material but they don't have any place to store it so they are planning to donate it to a university. She is going to talk with them about making some arrangement for the material to be scanned before it is donated.

Scanning Technology: Ed commented on some overhead scanners in the \$300-600 price range that can scan a tabloid-size image at about 200 dpi. Such a device could be useful in scanning large-format material that we will likely continue to receive but not in large enough batches of any one size to ship out as we did previously.

Upcoming LNC Meeting: Caryn Ann said she is working on her report for the March meeting and hopes to have a draft that she can share with us.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 6 March 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm Mountain time.