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## **Promoting Ideas Into**

### **Next Meeting!!!**

# **Libertarian Party of Wisconsin Executive Committee**

Saturday, October 9, 2010
11 AM to 4 PM
Shooters Restaurant
Highway CX, in Portage, Wisconsin

This event is <u>open to the press and the public</u> from 11 AM to 12:30 PM to meet some of Libertarian Party of Wisconsin candidates and party officers and representatives. A private board meeting will follow.

Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin

#### **Annual Convention Planning Committee**

Will also take place **PRIOR** to the Executive Committee meeting, **October 9, 2010, 10 AM to 10:45 AM** at McDonald's Restaurant

Located at: **2860 New Pinery Rd, Portage, WI**(Will proceed 1mi. to Shooters at 11 AM)
Agenda: Setting Plan and Reporting to Execom

Because the next issue of the LPWI newsletter, Wisconsin Libertarian, is to be used as a Fall Campaign Media Guide, and will be a "double issue," extra-large in number of pages, some color printing (planned), and with an expanded mailing list—and all costing more than usual, the newsletter budget for Summer 2010 was reserved for the "double" Summer/Fall 2010 special issue. TJK...

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Future of Liberty & the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin

A political party such as the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin has to manage around severe margins, in terms of time, money, effort, and opportunity. Some sectors of public opinion already discount the possibility of any third party, one like ours, from ever achieving success in implementing their platform from deficient resources of all kinds, except in indirect ways. After all, the Green Party got the Democratic Party to adopt its main planks and ideals on a low budget. In our own libertarian movement (the small "l," as opposed to the large "L" political party), the Tea Party craze consumed by the "libertarian" wing of Republican Party adopts certain principles of our platform—smaller government; lower taxes—as its own battle cry for the upcoming 2010 midterm elections.

Have the GOP really come closer to us? Have influenced them enough? Or, would they institute "diet liberty," with frugal government in Wisconsin's state and local governments but only rhetoric about freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and equality of Justice and opportunity? Could libertarians tolerate small increments of our platform into government policy and be fine settling for less or nothing on the rest? Flip-flop some of these contradictions, and we've covered socialist libertarians in the Democratic Party-side of two-party theft and fraud—rhetoric about "freedom" but a "Big" and expensive government

Libertarians generally come in two shapes, of equal and important sizes to the cause of what we mean by "Liberty." First, and without them we are lost to our principles, come the Philosophers who live libertarianism by example. Second, come those who practice the program of libertarianism in politics. Between the pure reason of the one and practical reason of the latter, libertarianism and Libertarian parties stand as a formidable strong center of the nation's founding ideals—that nature endows all men and women in this world the inalienable rights to "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," among other rights, and responsibilities, in living among our neighbors.

A weird vibe in the United States seems to have created huge shifts in our former optimism about our country into one of extreme pessimism about our future. Worse, the vibration of these changes and outrage enliven much anger and malformed logic about what to do. As optimists, we clearly see the Gospels of Liberty and Freedom and Justice and Tolerance as the only true course of political-&-economic salvation on this planet. We exist above and between the great centrist-moderates of the Republican and Democratic parties. When their little game of force, theft, fraud, and fear runs out of music, they will gladly take chairs at our tables. Two-thousand-and-ten will not be the extinction of Libertarian

parties in America. Instead, we might have arrived at a threshold for the greatest opportunity that cultural and political libertarianism has had and will ever have to midwife a free-market economy and a truly open-minded society.

Our purpose now becomes to build beyond the old models of political committees. The libertarian party in Wisconsin can create a new, innovative, interactive and decentralized party that functions like libertarian philosophers think and how libertarian politics acts. Let's get started now!! Here are some opportunities to help start our process of creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century successful Libertarian Party.

Volunteer Positions and Support Structure Openings. (Serious inquiries please send resume). Email lpwicentral@gmail.com for info.

Party Counsel (Requires a license to practice law in Wisconsin). Advises Executive Committee on legal issues.

Party Parliamentarian. Advises Party on points of meeting procedure and Party Constitution & By-Laws.

Leadership & Support Groups' Needs

Campaign Group. (Chair/open). Finds candidates for Local, State, and Federal office; coordinates between Party and campaigns; assists and coordinates candidates' needs.

Volunteer Group. (Chair/open). Finds and coordinates officers, members, supporters and voters to help various functions of the Party-from literature drops to staffing fair booths to canvassing and petition drives.

Affiliate Assistance Group. (Chair/open). Assist the formation of affiliate groups, ideally with help from Party District Representatives.

Party Fund Raising Group. (Chair/open). Party product development, marketing and sales; manages on-line and off-line sales of Party merchandise; request donation and pledge commitments.

Special Events & Convention Group. (Chair Patti Stemwedel). Plans, organizes, and directs the staffing, transportation, setting-up and operations of meetings, events, rallies, workshops and conventions of the Party.

Correspondence. (Chair Tim Krenz [temp], & Jim Sewell). Internal and external communications; data management.