



Minutes from December 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
McMenamin's, Wilsonville

Call to Order

The December meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm at McMenamin's, the Chairman being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

Present

Timothy Perkins
Carolyn Wade
Kyle Markley
Kenny Sernach
Katy Brumbelow
Gary Dye
Don Crawford

Remote

Observers

Jack Oeming (remote)
Michelle Binker (remote)
Peter Vandenburg
Tim Sippel
Ryan Tracey
Gabriel Bowersox
Christopher Peters

Absent

Wes Wagner
Ted Yanez

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved after the addition of a new D., Primary Election Announcement, in section 8, Unfinished and New Business, and a new E., IRS Notice, also in Unfinished and New Business "Job Description Compendium" was corrected to read "Job Description Compilation." On motion of Carolyn, seconded by Kenny, the revised agenda was approved without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were corrected to reflect that Ted gave the campaign report. On motion of Don, seconded by Kenny, the October minutes were approved as corrected.

The minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting were corrected by deleting the sentence that there is no requirement that delegates be members of the LPO from the Open Forum paragraph, on motion of Kyle, seconded by Carolyn. The awkward sentence in the Public Relations report was corrected in some way to reflect that Katy wants to change relations with the school district, on motion of Katy, seconded by Carolyn. Kyle moved and Katy seconded to delete the sentence, "We need to develop a set of election rules, which has not been the case over the last few years." Don moved and Kyle seconded that the minutes be approved as amended, which motion passed.

3. Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

4. Open Forum

Discussion was had about the tasks volunteers are needed for. Tim Sippel's contributions attending events and manning a table were mentioned as examples of the kind of efforts that are consistently needed.

Specific needs that are currently needed: run elections, count ballots, fund and support affiliates, fundraising. A question was asked about how strategic objectives are set? The answer was that they are developed on a month by month basis. What social media is the party using? We have a FaceBook page and an active group, nothing on Reddit, a Twitter handle, but it is not used.

The website has recently been refreshed, but Timothy is not a designer. We knew of items of functionality that should be added if/when we have someone skilled to do so.

Our Membership Director, Don Crawford, is very interested in finding ways to get people connected to tasks they are excited and skilled to perform. Nationbuilder will be a helpful tool for that project.

Another task would be to host dinners and other events.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Timothy reported that he is feeling better. He has spoken with some people who are interested in being more active. He had a call with Michael Heise of the Mises Caucus, who wants to help the LPO to help county parties to help support candidates.

Junior State of America will be held in Portland on February 1, and we have been invited to have a table. Don will find volunteers.

The Region 1 Alternate has resigned from the LNC. Do we need to debate and vote on a replacement? Last time, there was a conference call to fill the spot. The position only needs to be filled until May, when it will be filled at the national convention.

Oregon has 15 delegate and 50 alternate slots.

Timothy's family will be welcoming a new baby in May, so he will not be joining the delegation in Austin.

Taxation is still theft. (Jeffrey Epstein did not commit suicide.)

B. Don has received access to Nationbuilder and is very excited about the possibilities that opens up. He has spoken with libertarians he has never spoken with before; it increases possible contact with others. He made contact with Randal O'Toole, who has agreed to speak at our convention.

C. The Treasurer reported that cash on hand is approximately \$5,200, and that our monthly revenue stream is still a total of \$120 per month. After the newsletter, we received \$200-\$350. We now have almost enough for Kyle's mailing. There can be a donation page as an add-on to Nationbuilder to connect to emails.

D. Secretary's report: Carolyn reported that the minutes are current. We added Carolyn's email address of onehsancare@yahoo.com to our list of addresses.

6. Reports of Boards, and Committees

A. Report of the Campaigns Committee: Ted sent a report. He should be added to Nationbuilder. Major parties don't have authority over fusion candidates because they have to allow the winners of the primary elections to be their candidates, but minor parties can exercise more control. For this purpose, independents count as a minor party.

B. Report of the Fund Raising Committee: It was nice to receive money from the newsletter appeal. Dinner at Gary's was not well-attended. Perhaps a January dinner in Salem? Timothy will speak with his wife. Katy will be added to Nationbuilder.

C. Report about Public Relations: Katy reported that the newsletter went out. There was an event last Friday at Central Catholic, which Richard Burke attended, and presented the World's Smallest Political Test. (Katy was sick.) Katy has messaged the MeetUp group and gotten some response. Gabriel is interested in the MeetUp group and the Central Catholic-type events.

The MeetUp group is \$6.00 monthly. It can be found on MeetUp.com. It meets at Lucky Lab. It may need to be reorganized to a different day. Katy will put something on the MeetUp page. Also, Hugo holds get-togethers on Wednesdays at Hugo's house in Sellwood, where they have written questions and discussions. Katy will contact Gabriel regarding that.

There's also an Executive Club in Jantzen Beach, that nobody really knows much about. It might just be Republicans.

D. Report of the Special Convention Committee. Katy reported that Kenny and Don met and propose that we have a Special Convention in the spring with a speaker. It should cost between \$200 and \$300 for ½ day at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest, with 70-80 people.

We discussed whether it would make sense to do the special convention before the primary, and concluded that it would. The changes to the bylaws could get ratified through the primary, which would save money next year.

The question was raised why we thought we could get a quorum at a special convention when we couldn't last June at the annual convention? Nationbuilder should make the difference. We will all work hard to have friends come, even willing to register as Libertarians at the convention. The National Convention raises excitement, too. We decided the special convention must occur before April 15 so the primary does not need to be changed, but it should be after Spring Break. Additional work on the bylaws must occur.

Our goal is to have the special convention in April, where we will vote to change the bylaws, which will be ratified in the May primary, unless we have over 200 attend the special convention. The test is a percentage of returned ballots. If all of that occurs, we can have electronic voting in the future.

E. Kyle gave the report of the Data Director. The database is getting set up from the voter registration list, but it turned out there was a size limit. After removing the ballot history, modifying some other data, deleting some things, it now all fits, so the list received in May is now useful. He uploaded the list received in November of LPO members; he didn't merge the lists, to keep them clean for the primary announcement. He hopes to use it so people will go to the website to get information, such as email, telephone, etc., as a way to encourage opting in for electronic balloting in the future. The risk of this strategy is that lots of email will be sent and we may be labeled a spammer. The database is entirely separate from Nationbuilder. We can't put our 19,000 voting member list into Nationbuilder, which lists our active supporters. Nationbuilder will have backup detail, though.

There is another database regarding elections, all open offices, including county positions. We can use that to generate lists for the webpage. Ted has access. We call that the "Election Database." We have retained all information from the 2018 election.

Carolyn will write to Drew regarding the \$87 he took that was supposed to use to bring the Nationbuilder debt current and pay it ahead. Timothy to get details to Carolyn. Carolyn to threaten Drew with small claims court. NOTE: this has not yet occurred.

F. There was no report of the Bylaws Committee.

G. Timothy drafted notice of the need for additional directors and posted it on the website; notice also went out to those on Mailchimp. Katy sent out a call, too. Everyone in Mailchimp was moved to Nationbuilder during the summer. Timothy will post more on the website: list of directors, minutes, amended minutes for August.

H. We do not have an Affiliate Liaison.

I Report of the Membership Director was included above in the report of the Vice-Chair.

7. Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

8. Unfinished & New Business

A. Board Vacancies

Katy posted the openings for directors on FaceBook. Gabriel, Ryan, Peter, Tim, and Taylor Rickey are all interested in the two openings. Don moved and Carolyn seconded that Katy send a list of bullet points that should be covered by applicants in a Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

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written submission to board members by Friday. Any feedback should be given by Monday. Timothy will send an email to those who have expressed interest asking for written statements of interest to be sent to him.

B. 2020 National Convention delegate status

Carolyn is the chair of the delegation. She, Jack Oeming, and Toby Knight-Meigs are confirmed as delegates.

C. 2020 Election Rules

Kyle explained changes. Don moved to accept them, Kenny seconded. The changes were approved as proposed.

D. Primary Election Announcement

We do not have \$9,000 for a letter. If we sent a postcard to all 19,000 members, it would cost approximately \$6,156, at \$.318 each to print and mail. We can use the process to harvest email addresses. Gary, Kyle and Kenny are all willing to donate to make this happen. Kenny will draft a plea for money for this project to go out on Nationbuilder.

Some people were disappointed that we did not send the primary mailer to everyone. Discussion was had of fundraising to allow postcard. Kyle moved to authorize sending the election announcement by postcard, to be paid upfront by Kyle with a reimbursement of \$4,000 and the balance to be an in-kind contribution. Kenny seconded. Vote was as follows:

Timothy: Yes

Carolyn: Yes

Kyle: Yes

Katy: Abstain

Gary: Yes

Don: Yes

Any edits or suggestions should be sent soon.

E. IRS Notice

Kenny reported that the IRS wants a 990, a standard nonprofit return. The purpose of our group is to run candidates; there may be an issue if a board member were to run for federal office. Is it okay if Kenny deals with the IRS? Yes. (We have not done anything with respect to ballot measures to date.)

F. Email list

Don is concerned that trying to keep the list small to avoid paying is counter productive. Both Mailchimp and Nationbuilder have similar limits. Because we hope to stop paying for Nationbuilder soon, we haven't wanted to switch around. It doesn't make sense to move names from Nationbuilder to Mailchimp just to save money.

G. November Action Items

Yeah! Everyone did theirs!

H. Job Description Compilation

One more change in PR Direction job description: ("it's" to "its")

Katy will draft an Affiliate Director job description.

9. Open Forum Redux

A. The Oxford Comma was officially adopted by the LPO.

B. We discussed our inability to adopt policy.

C. The need to change the bylaws was thoroughly discussed.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on January 14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the ungodly hour of 10:05 p.m.