

Maricopa County Libertarian Party

Minutes of May 13, 2019 Meeting

The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met at Coco's Restaurant at 2026 N. 7th St on Monday, May 13, 2019. Chair Brandon Slayton, Treasurer R. Allen Pepiton, Secretary Emily Goldberg, Michael Kielsky, Julian Taylor, Nicholas Maxwell, Ron Sereny, and others (names not recorded) were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following topics were discussed:

I. Chair's Report:

Chair Brandon Slayton gave a legislative update concerning SB1090 (placing responsibility for emergency voting centers under authority of the county Board of Supervisors), which MCLP had published statements to oppose and urging the governor to veto. Ducey signed the bill.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer R. A. Pepiton presented the Treasurer's report. Previous bank balance was \$1,993.04; \$107.04. was raised in the previous month; present balance \$2100.04. A motion to adopt the report was made and seconded and the report was adopted.

III. Secretary's Report

Secretary E. Goldberg presented the Secretary's report concerning the April 8 meeting. A motion to adopt the report was made and seconded and the report was adopted.

IV. Committee Reports/Assignments

Chair Brandon Slayton gave an update concerning formation of standing committees and committee leadership. The Events Committee will be chaired by Nicholas Maxwell. Bylaws Committee will be chaired by R.A. Pepiton. Media Committee will be chaired by Brandon Slayton. Julian and James volunteered to work on the Media Committee.

V. New Business – Election Cycle and Endorsement Policies

Endorsement Policy - Chair Brandon Slayton introduced the topic concerning endorsements, as no active endorsement policy currently exists.

Discussion was held concerning the timing of the filing deadline, and how late deadlines impact time for endorsement.

R.A. Pepiton described his perspective that the party should not endorse anyone in the pre-primary stage; if a candidate gets onto the ballot, that that is the time for endorsement.

Additional discussion featured consideration that voters in prior years considered every candidate endorsed; that an assumption is made that the candidate is approved unless there is a "reason not to".

Participants liked the idea of debates, and for the Media Committee to host candidate forums and sponsor debates.

Candidate Recruitment – Discussion was held concerning formation of 2020 candidate committees, posting of signature requirements, and posting of offices which are open in 2019 (certain municipal races) and 2020. Emphasis on verification of signatures was stressed. The use of the state's online portal for state-level races was emphasized and suggested.

Declared Candidates – Ron S. spoke about his signature gathering intentions regarding the LD1 senate race. Nick Maxwell spoke about LD28, and R.A. Pepiton LD27. Dave DeSilva is interested in running for President, but intends to be relocating to California and to begin his campaign there.

Mailing Address – Discussion was held concerning use of a UPS store location for the party's mailing address. After some debate, R.A. Pepiton offered his home address as the mailing address. A motion was made to accept his offer, it was seconded, and agreed that his home address will be utilized for the party's mailing address.

No old business was introduced. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
The raffle and social discussions continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Goldberg,

Secretary