

Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of May 10, 2021 Meeting

The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Monday evening, May 10, 2021. Seventeen individuals were present. Four of the five officers were present.

I. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to Order at 7:11 p.m. The Agenda was adopted without objection.

II. Secretary's Report

Secretary E. Goldberg presented minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting. The minutes were adopted by acclaim without revision.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer R.A. Pepiton presented the Treasurer's report. The closing bank balance remained \$3024.02. One check was written for \$59.64 since the closing statement nt reflected in the balance.

IV. Chair's Report

A. MCLP Lawsuit Against Maricopa County

Chair Brandon Slayton and Atty. Michael Kielsky presented information concerning the Court's decision to dismiss MCLP's lawsuit against the Board of Supervisors (related to its non-invitation of the political parties to its election audit). The Court's rationale turned on the particulars of the audit as held being outside the scope of routine election conduct as commemorated in Arizona statute, and also outside of the county's elections manual. Atty. Kielsky noted that it is the elections manual which does require the political parties to be invited.

B. Senate Elections Audit

Chair Brandon Slayton described his expanded role in relationship to the AZ Senate sponsored audit underway at the Arizona state fairground Coliseum. Former Secretary of State Ken Bennett was appointed by Karen Fann to be the liaison to the audit. John Brakey of Audit Elections USA has an observer role. Chair Slayton has been appointed as the Special Assistant to Secretary Bennett. He is at the Coliseum most days.

Brandon described the necessity for visibility and transparency in election and for the LP to be represented. He described some of the cynicism and rumormongering associated with Arizona, including ‘bamboo in paper’, etc.

He described that the primary role of himself, John, and Ken is mythbusting and fact-checking.

The audit was due to be paused for two weeks in May while the Coliseum property was used for previously scheduled graduations.

He described that the audit itself is robustly tripartisan, even though issues have existed with CyberNinja biased statements before.

V. New Business

A. 2ND VC John Rojas Appointed PCM Coordinator

2nd Vice Chair John Rojas will coordinate processing of PCM applications going forward. A new email address to be used for this purpose has been created at: pcm@lp.maricopa.org.

Five new PCM applications were submitted this month; appointments were expected by the first Friday of the following month. New PCMs should look for their certificates to arrive in the mail.

B. Legislative Update

Communications Director L. Snyder and visiting Pima Chair D. Heaton noted that HB 2190, the proposed ban on vaccine passports, was at 50% support, and required additional public support/lobbying.

C. Events Update – Juneteenth/National Day of Activism

Discussion was held concerning national’s wish that local affiliates observe and participate in Juneteenth events, and MCLP’s plan to participate in the Scottsdale Juneteenth event at Stillman McCormick park.

D. June Meeting/Date Change

The Chair raised the issue of a possible day/date change for the June meeting.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Goldberg,
Secretary