

## **Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of December 8, 2021 Meeting**

*The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Thirteen members, including the Chair, First Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Director were present. The following topics were discussed:*

### **I. Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda:**

The meeting was called to Order at 7:01 p.m. The Agenda was adopted without objection.

### **II. Secretary's Report**

Secretary E. Goldberg presented minutes of the November 11 meeting, which were adopted (7:07 p.m.).

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer R. A. Pepiton presented a fourth quarter Treasurer's report. October's ending bank balance was \$2869.36. From that date to this meeting, expenses were \$611.98, donations were \$1,096.84. Expenses included \$280.00 advertising, \$37.50 for printed cards, appropriation made for gun show literature. The ending balance is \$3,354.22. The report was adopted (7:09 p.m.)

### **IV. Chair's Report**

Chair Brandon Slayton presented the Chair's report:

Chair Brandon Slayton noted recent communication he had had with PCMS Nathan Madden, Jeff Metrick, Jenn DeVries and Chris Schultz, and encouraged other PCMs to communicate.

#### **A. PCM Recruitment and Orientation – PC Handbook**

The Chair noted that 1<sup>st</sup> VC Scott Ullery had agreed to draft a PCM Handbook to assist PC's in navigating their responsibilities, and ways to connect with others with similar interests.

#### **B. 2022 Municipal Elections**

The Chair thanked 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Charles Ross and PC Juan Scoville for identifying municipal election races that are open and the relevant filing deadlines, which have been posted on the MCLP website.

### **C. Billboard Update**

The Chair noted that our ad is displaying on 7 billboards across the valley in a weeklong campaign.

**A motion was made (Brandon Slayton) and seconded to approve an additional \$260.00 to take the campaign through the end of the month. A vote was taken and the motion passed.**

### **D. Draft Letter on Inapplicability of Mandates**

Reiteration of previously adopted plan concerning MCLP intent to draft an advisory letter to be sent to the Maricopa Board of Supervisors and the cities and towns, voicing our nonsupport for vaccine mandate orders, based on inapplicability/illegality of OSHA rules to industries and workplaces not subject to OSHA.

### **E. Post Office Box for Party Mail**

The Chair noted a need for a more centrally located postal box for party mail. **A motion was made (Brandon Slayton) and seconded, to appropriate \$150.00 for lease of a post office box in zip code 85013 for 2022. A vote was taken and the motion passed.**

### **F. Commentary on Redistricting Commission Report/Process**

The Chair shared the response to the redistricting commission's report, and data analysis related to the report, prepared by PCM Chris Schultz, and Chris Schultz spoke on his findings.

Mr. Schultz noted the tensions between the 'community of interest' criteria, and constitutionality. He noted that under the proposed model, only 6% of legislative districts would be competitive; that this motivated candidates to only speak to their base(s). Of the congressional districts, the proposed districts are either 9/0, or at best, 8/1, in favor of one major party or the other.

He noted that the "independent redistricting commission" was anything but. Mr. Schultz' analysis was that the Commission had invested much more energy in making the 'communities of interest' reflect on the map, than making the districts competitive.

Mr. Schultz described the upcoming IRC meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and one on the 30<sup>th</sup> in Avondale.

Communications Director Lauren Snyder indicated that she would attend the meetings and speak on behalf of the party.

Mr. Schultz mentioned considerations he had heard at other meetings, including district boundaries that seemed intuitive to previous commenters, including school districts, cities or

towns; he noted that other citizens had voiced complaints, for example, over one school district being broken among three legislative districts, and lack of competitiveness.

The IRC's process utilized data obtained from major races (including President, Governor, Atty. General).

A motion was made (Brandon Slayton) and seconded to share Mr. Schultz' feedback with the IRC.

## **V. Events/Upcoming Events**

The opening of the legislature on 01/10 was announced. An opening day presence at the legislature or rally was considered.

The party's booth and presence at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rally on February 2 was affirmed.

## **VI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

*(The Chair invited interested individuals to say in the Zoom session following the conclusion of the meeting; that informal discussion is noted below.)*

Respectfully submitted,

*Emily S. Goldberg, Secretary*

### *Informal Discussion after 8:20:*

*Discussion was held concerning municipal elections as lower-hanging fruit requiring less signatures than major races.*

*Advertising as an ongoing necessity was discussed.*

*The Chair mentioned the need for additional guides or tools, such as a guide for Officers, tools not to be recreated from scratch, but to commemorate more formally processes that are already done informally, and development of an 'institutional memory' for the organization.*