

## **Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of November 9, 2022 Meeting**

*The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Ten members, including the Chair, First Vice Chair, Secretary and Interim Treasurer were present. The following topics were discussed:*

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

The meeting was called to Order at 7:33 p.m. The Agenda was adopted without revision.

### **II. Treasurer's Report**

Interim Treasurer Ryan Simon presented the Treasurer's Report. The current bank balance is \$4,501.75. The month ending balance at the end of the month of September was \$4,817.34. Donations received were \$315.59 during the month of October. There was a \$50.00 difference between August's ending balance and October's beginning balance. \$24.94 was spent in additional mailings to PCMs related to the August primary.

### **III. Secretary's Report**

Secretary E. Goldberg presented the Secretary's Report of the October 12, 2022 meeting. The report was adopted without revision.

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

Chair Brandon Slayton presented the Chair's report:

#### **A. 2022 Election Handcount Audit**

The Chair described his participation in the post-election handcount audit. He described that the handcount reflects a batch of 60,000 votes; that overall, 340,000 votes remain to be counted in Maricopa County. More votes remain to be counted this year in that a number of early voters did not return their ballots early. The Chair projected that there will be a lot of spin in the news cycle concerning Maricopa County. He noted that two million normally vote early in Maricopa County. Twenty percent of early ballots will need signature verification. Counting will not be close to complete before Saturday 11/12 at the earliest. Scott Ullery raised a question concerning the voting machine malfunctions reported in the news; the Chair noted that the BOS is "investigating" those. (Nathan Madden added that the BOS has been incompetent for many years now). Discussion was held concerning those who retained their early ballots and turned them in at polling stations on election day; comments included that same-day voters want the sticker!

#### **B. Audit Committee Update**

Audit Committee is up and running, staffed by Bill Hopkins and Justin Baker. They project that less than \$500 is missing from MCLP's treasurer. They will present a final report at the

December organizing meeting. The Committee has materials related to MCLP's finances for the last six years. MCLP will hear a report from them as a newly organized committee.

### **C. December Biennial Organizing Meeting**

Chair Slayton gave a preview of business to be conducted at December's biennial organizing meeting. The purpose of the meeting will include electing all officers, Chair, Vice Chairs 1 and 2, Treasurer, and Secretary, and 12 Maricopa representatives to the AZLP State Committee.

General discussion took place concerning PCM counts around the state. The Chair described he believed Pima had around 35 PCMs, Yuma around 13.

The Chair described that the organizing meeting would be held the second Wednesday of the month (usual date), but that the meeting would start earlier for the sake of getting all necessary business done. The Chair presented three possible meeting spaces. The first was at Hatcher and Central Avenue. The second was Vermillion Studios, where the fall 2021 meeting had taken place. The third was Peerspace in Encanto Village. Additional discussion was held concerning choice considerations in location, including safety of the neighborhood, parking, money to spend, food.

**A motion was made (B. Slayton) and seconded (S. Ullery) to allocate \$600 to spend for the third option, Peerspace, for the organizing meeting. A vote was taken the motion passed unanimously.**

Additional discussion was held concerning food. Having food trucks attend was discussed, but time in process in multiple trucks arriving and departing and line service was seen as potential logistical difficulty.

The decision was made to 'crowdsource' additional food ideas in Slack, and place final decisions on electronic ballot.

The Agenda for the meeting would include officers' reports, team/committee reports, elections, resolutions, etc.

The Chair reflected that for individuals limited in available time, being a PCM is enough; people shouldn't stand for election to an office if not able to fulfill the requirements of the office. A direct mail letter would be sent to PCMs concerning the date and time.

Discussion was held concerning materials and whether packets should be provided. The Chair described that upload of .pdf documents to an accessible website was the most efficient approach.

#### **D. November 20 Road Cleanup**

The Chair noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> road cleanup for MCLP's adopted road was scheduled for November 20. Six volunteers are needed; more are welcome.

The Chair noted that he had spoken to videographer Mark Chesworth about creating a promo video for MCLP on the date of the cleanup. He asked for an allocation of \$1,000 for that video.

Discussion was held concerning the concept; the Chair described that the value of the video was to demonstrate that an army of volunteers is more peaceful, that volunteers move memes, and that the next election cycle starts now. Nathan Madden indicated he preferred to do this only if the expenditure was separately fundraised for it.

**Following discussion, the motion was made (B. Slayton) and seconded (R. Simon) to appropriate \$1,000.00 to engage Chesworth Video to produce a video for MCLP. There was no additional discussion and no objections and the motion passed.**

#### **V. Old/New Business**

##### **1. Banking Account**

Ryan and Justin will pick a credit union and open a new account. Discussion was held concerning need for an EIN number for Stripe donations. Discussion was held concerning the integration of Stripe with the CRM (and technical particulars).

##### **2. Marc Victor Candidacy Post-Mortem**

The Chair reflected on the statements he and AZLP had disseminated concerning Marc Victor's decision to drop out of the race and endorse Blake Masters.

#### **VI. Conclusion**

A motion to adjourn was made (N. Madden) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Emily S. Goldberg. Secretary*

*Post-Adjournment Discussion:*

*Several members remained in the meeting while the Chair articulated elements of his plan and vision for 2023-2025. Critical factors include candidates, ballot status, and voter engagement.*

*Ballot access races including President and Governor in 2024 were discussed.*

*Infrastructure needs, the creation of systems, job functions in dedicated committees, expansion of the CRM Handbook, were reviewed.*