

Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of July 12, 2023 Meeting

The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Eleven members were present including the Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. The following topics were discussed:

I. Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda/Welcome Remarks:

The meeting was called to Order and Agenda adopted at 7:05 p.m.

Announcements included that three officers were present. The 2nd VC was traveling due to work.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ryan Simon presented the Treasurer's Report.

Online donations were received in the amount of \$705.92.

Expenditures totalled \$980.82. This included: (1) Peerly texting services; (2) Campaign Verify for two years, (3) event reimbursements for July 4 booth, (4) literature purchase from national, (5) printed banner, and (6) event insurance for July 4.

Balances at the end of the month included \$3,245.94 at Desert Financial, and \$500 in Wells Fargo; \$345.00 in checks written remained to be cashed, for a total available funds balance of \$2,859.76.

Donor activity is growing, and all donors are off of PayPal and on Stripe.

Discussion concerning the PayPal account (remaining in the former treasurer's name) was held; there was agreement to close and deactivate that account.

The Chair inquired of the Treasurer concerning Q2 state campaign finance reporting. The Treasurer indicated the report was underway and due on 07/17.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted without objection.

III. Secretary's Report

Secretary Emily Goldberg presented the Minutes of the June, 2023 meeting. The Minutes were approved without modification or objection.

IV. Chair's Report

Chairman Brandon Slayton presented the Chair's Report:

A. 1st VC Resignation; Special Election Meeting Set.

Chairman Brandon Slayton informed the body that he had accepted the resignation of Brock Wilson, 1st Vice Chair, due to family obligations.

The Chairman announced that there would be an in-person Special Election Meeting held August 5 for the sake of electing a new 1st Vice Chair. He suggested that nominations be made by email by July 29. The Chair described that potential candidates should consider whether they will mesh well with the remaining Board members, be someone who wants to do things, and wants to push the party forward in a meaningful way.

The Chair clarified that a potential candidate has to be a P.C. to be eligible, and that the Bylaws do not spell out the process for filling a vacancy on the Board with particularity, other than a requirement to schedule a meeting at which election of a new officer would take place between 21 to 35 days after the vacancy is announced. The Chair indicated his willingness to meet with any potential candidate who wanted to discuss the position, its responsibilities, etc.

Additional discussion was held concerning a venue for the meeting. Libraries and restaurants were among the possibilities.

A motion was made (B. Slayton) and seconded (E. Goldberg) to appropriate \$100 to host a Special Countywide Meeting on August 5, 2023 for purposes of electing a new 1st Vice Chair, to be held at a City of Phoenix public library.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Chair agreed to collaborate on which library location would be used, and reserve it by the end of the weekend. (E. Goldberg obtained Conference Room B at the Burton Barr Central Library on 07/16).

An additional motion was made (and seconded) to appropriate \$50 for postage, for mailing to the PC list.

This motion also passed unanimously.

N. Giver inquired about the time of day for the 08/05 meeting. It was resolved that meeting would take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

B. Candidate Recruitment

The Chairman gave an updated report on the candidate recruitment text messaging effort.

We have used all of the credits we had with the text messaging service.

The goals now are two-fold, one, to do a data post-mortem, and second, cultivating the interested people.

18 potential candidates were sourced; Derek Z was very helpful in identifying/responding to the interested individuals.

(It isn't clear how many of them were already in the CRM, and, of those who sign up now, how many will 'convert' to candidate status).

It is important to fundraise now to be able to most fully promote and assist these candidates in their effort. Although it is still early, the clock is ticking; we have three months to October 1.

We want to also recruit additional candidates to be PCs, and recruit volunteers for local races, and to recruit a candidate for the U.S. Senate race and for the statewide races.

We want to resume use of the texting tool after the October 1 deadline, and will revisit the topic then.

V. Old Business

A. Wells Fargo Banking Account

Treasurer R. Simon raised the topic of closing the Wells Fargo Account (which had been kept open the projected six months from the time of opening the new account).

Brief discussion was held on the value of having an archive of that account's activity, in the event it needed to be reviewed in greater depth. The Treasurer agreed that he would request a download of the past years' statements in person, so that the archive is complete.

A motion was made (B. Slayton) and seconded (R. Simon) to close the Wells Fargo banking account, archive the past records, and transfer funds held in the Wells Fargo account to Desert Financial Credit Union by the end of August, 2023.

No objections were heard, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Year Round Insurance Policy?

Secretary E. Goldberg returned to the issue of securing a year-round insurance policy. Two quotes had been posted to the officers' email. Discussion was held concerning what kinds of events would be attended (with request that additional event possibilities be raised in Discord). In that further events would not take place over the summer, the topic was deferred to the September meeting.

C. Return Text Messaging Remainder Funds to General Fund

Treasurer R. Simon raised the issue that \$41.18 remained as allocated from the text messaging campaign.

A motion was made (R. Simon) and seconded (B. Slayton) to return this amount to the general fund. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Pints & Porcupines

This month's Pints & Porcupines will be held at a downtown location, and on a Saturday (for those who have found weeknight activities difficult). It will be at Los Dos Molinos in Central Phoenix on July 15.

B. Summer Break

In that the Special Election meeting will be held on Saturday, August 5, the Chair announced that no business meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 9. (In most past years, a summer break was taken either in the month of July or the month of August.

VII. Adjournment

A Motion to Adjourn was made (R. Simon), and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The Chair encouraged attendees to "do the next thing that leads to the next thing."

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Goldberg. Secretary

