

## **Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of September 20, 2023 Meeting**

*The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Twelve members, including the Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Asst. Treasurer were in attendance. Suspension of the rules to allocate time within the business meeting for Special Election of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair was noticed by U.S. mail. The following topics were discussed:*

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

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

Canvass was taken and Credentials Report submitted, reflecting 12 of 34 precinct committeemen in attendance and quorum was established. The Chair noted that Tony Basile's PC paperwork had previously been submitted to the County, and as submitted, that he should be regarded as a PC for purposes of this evening's business.

The Agenda was posted. Discussion reflected that mailed written notice had called the election for 7:20 p.m.; the Agenda was revised to align with the written notice.

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

E. Goldberg presented previously distributed Minutes of the July 12, 2023 business meeting and August 5, 2023 Special Election. The Minutes were adopted by acclamation.

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

Ryan Simon presented the Treasurer's Report covering the months of July and August. \$138.31 was received in donation, and ending balance available funds were \$3,564.34. Spelling was corrected for one donor name.

A motion was made (E. Fowler) and seconded (B. Slayton) and the corrected report was adopted.

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

Chairman Brandon Slayton presented the Chair's Report.

### **A. County Jurisdictional Election Meeting**

Brandon had attended Maricopa County Elections' update meeting for political parties. The County is preparing for controversy in 2024, working to put checks and balances in place. Opportunity will exist for LP members to be poll workers and observers in the upcoming election season.

Logic and Accuracy Test for this year's November elections (municipal and bond races) will take place on October 10, 2023.

PC Filing is moved up two months, to April 2024 (to coincide with other candidate filings).

The County is going to provide lists to Chairs concerning changes in precinct registrations (so Chairs can perform internal reconciliation with party lists; MCLP will perform out own audit).

PC paperwork will be made available on MCLP's website to maximize PC elections in the Spring.

#### **V. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Special Election**

At 7:23 p.m. the Chairman noted the opening of the Special Election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair position. The Chairman noted that no nominations had been received by the Board in the period since the Special Election was announced.

Nominations were opened.

Nicole Giver (Sells) nominated Tony Basile (Copper).  
Tony Basile accepted the nomination.

Nathan Madden (Valencia) nominated Marge Tendler (Stardust).  
Marge Tendler refused the nomination.

Nathan Madden moved to close nominations.

The Chairman asked Mr. Basile to speak to his candidacy.

Mr. Basile described that he had been registered Libertarian for three years. He had attended the previous state convention and wants to be more active. He considers himself "here to help."

The Chairman moved to elect Mr. Basile by acclamation.

Nathan Madden voiced objection, indicating that NOTA was always a candidate.

The Chairman asked if Mr. Madden would speak to NOTA's candidacy; Mr. Madden declined.

A vote was taken. Tony Basile was elected by acclamation.

## **VI. Events**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Eric Fowler advocated for presence at the October Gun Show, Oct. 28-29, sponsored by Arizona Gun Radio (which is sponsoring multiple events around the valley). The Glendale show featured a large venue, and no insurance was required. A regular table is \$95.

Eric further advocated for using the CiviCRM interface to sign up volunteers to staff the table for the weekend.

The Chair described that attendance at one gun show per quarter allows the party to interface with people who resonate with the party's message.

A Motion was made (E. Goldberg) and seconded (B. Slayton) to allocate \$95 towards attending the Arizona Gun Radio gun show in Glendale, Oct. 28-29. <sup>1</sup>

Discussion was held concerning materials remaining from the summer's events. E. Goldberg confirmed that issue cards from the national party, pens, and stickers remain from the summer events; the bracelets in the national welcome kits have been utilized.

N. Madden suggested use of VistaPrint for creating original merchandise.

## **VII. Old/New Business**

There was no old business.

The Chairman took the opportunity to welcome Mr. Basile to the Board, and to discuss MCLP goals going forward. Candidate recruitment efforts continue; October will be the time to begin gathering signatures and get people interested in supporting campaigns.

Our candidates disrupt the duopoly's status quo; we can imagine the next several months as the quiet before the storm.

N. Madden raised the upcoming Pints n' Porcupines at JC Copper Penny Tavern in Sun City as new business.

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<sup>1</sup> (n.b. It was learned after the meeting that the Oct. 28-29 event in Glendale was fully booked, but the October 14-15 event in Gilbert was available, so the allocated funds are directed to the Gilbert event).

Marge Tendler indicated that if registration lists for Sun City/Sun City West were provided to her, she would phone registered Libertarians to tell them about Pints n' Porcupines.

E. Fowler indicated that he would export a data set and provide Marge with the names and telephone numbers.

The Chairman noted that the nomination period opens in October for delegates to LP US' national convention in D.C., with delegates to be elected in Tucson in January.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Marge Tendler moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Emily S. Goldberg.*  
*Secretary*

