

Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of October 11, 2023 Meeting

The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Members including the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer were in attendance. The following topics were discussed:

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

The meeting was called to Order at 7:06 p.m. The Agenda was adopted without revision.

II. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting had been previously distributed for consideration by the Board. The Minutes were adopted by acclamation without revision at 7:08.

III. Treasurer's Report

Ryan Simon presented September's Treasurer's Report. Donations were \$60.22, expenses \$110.00 (Gilbert gun show booth), with ending balance available funds \$3,489.87.

The Secretary noted that receipts had been submitted totaling \$50.10 for the postage expense of \$50.00 allocated at the July meeting; the Treasurer confirmed that the \$50.00 postage expense would be reimbursed accordingly.

The Treasurer's report was adopted by acclamation at 7:12.

IV. Chair's Report

Chairman Brandon Slayton presented the Chair's Report.

A. Jurisdictional Elections

Chairman Slayton noted the upcoming Maricopa County jurisdictional elections, including school board and bond/bond renewal elections upcoming in November. From a countwide elections standpoint, these are "kickoff" or "practice round" elections preceding the 2024 primaries (which will likely have associated controversy and drama). County Elections has implemented a number of technical updates and will create more opportunity for citizen oversight (which is an opportunity for the LP to be more visible and involved).

B. National Convention Delegate Nominations Opening

The Chairman noted that October 13 begins the nomination period for individuals wishing to serve as Arizona delegates at the LP's national convention in Washington, D.C. in May (the delegates are elected at the State Committee meeting in Tucson January 13). The Chairman indicated that he would be posting the delegate statement of interest process and reminded attendees of the influence that delegates have at the national level.

V. 1st Vice Chair's Report

1st Vice Chair Eric Fowler reported on his attendance at the County's recent Logic and Accuracy test for the County's electronic vote tabulation systems related to the upcoming jurisdictional election.

He noted that the County Elections department knows that all eyes are on it, in part related to issues raised in Kari Lake's court case.

This election is simpler, in that it is an election entirely by mail; there will not be anomalies associated with voting centers or 'print on demand' ballots, all of the ballots mailed out will be mailed out from the county's printing facility.

The county staff demonstrated the accessibility components they had put in place for vision impaired and other voters.

He noted that there will be cameras in the tabulation room and that counting will be livestreamed.

He spoke to the county's IT administrator concerning security issues; Eric is satisfied that tabulation is not where things are going wrong.

The county is doubling the positions available for adjudication, and there will be 40 adjudication stations set up in 2024, which is a place where we can be more actively involved. He noted that one previous issue involved the county running a configuration file that was not manufacturer-verified, which raised questions, but that the tabulation equipment is not connected to the internet and cannot be 'hacked' by internet sources.

Asst. Secretary Sheila S. also noted that she had attended poll worker training for the upcoming election the same week.

VI. Events

Chairman Brandon S. and 1st Vice Chair Eric F. noted the party's presence at the Gilbert Gun Show coming up the weekend of October 14 and 15. Discussion was held related to using the CRM for volunteer sign-ups for people who want to work a shift at the show. Links to the sign-up will be posted in Discord.

VII. Old Business

A. Chairman's Talk at Mesa Community College

Valencia PC Nathan Madden requested a summary of the Chairman's recent invitation to speak at Mesa Community College.

The Chairman noted he had been referred the speaking opportunity by AZLP Secretary Roman Garcia. The setting was a political science class devoted to "third parties"; he was present on behalf of MCLP, along with representatives of the Green, No Labels, and Forward parties.

He noted that, similar to ours, the Green party is built on principles which its members want to maximize through the political process.

The Forward party and No Labels parties were plainly reactionary to contemporary happenings, neither had a platform or set of principles to refer to; they are formed for political expediency with a "not Donald Trump" outlook.

The forum was not recorded.

VIII. New Business

A. Special Pints n' Porcupines – Meet the Candidate

Nathan Madden announced that he and Sheila Shaver were sponsoring a special "Meet the Candidate" Pints n' Porcupines at Saddle Mountain Brewery in Goodyear to publicize his legislative campaign. Libertarians and Independents from the legislative district had been invited.

B. Upcoming Board Retreat?

Chairman Slayton recognized the election of 2VC Tony Basile at the last meeting, and

reextended a warm welcome to him on behalf of the Board. The Chairman suggested that the Board meet for a half-day board retreat to discuss 2024 goals and implementation, possibly on the weekend of November 4.

C. Madden for Arizona – Canvassing

Nathan Madden suggested that he was scheduling a day to do some door-to-door canvassing for his campaign; he has no physical signatures so far, but has 10 % to 20% of the signatures that he needs digitally. The plan includes leaving material behind where no one responds to the door; he has purchased 1000 door hangers. Everyone relevant has been called at least once, but he will be repeating calls again.

D. Events (reprise)

1st Vice Chair Eric F. requested input on other events where independents and LP leaning people will gather, bring ideas for a bigger event list!

(Members congratulated Chairman Brandon Slayton and husband Chris on their new business acquisition of Stacy's on Melrose.)

IX. Adjournment

1st Vice Chair Eric F. moved to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Goldberg.
Secretary



BALANCE SHEET / DONORS LIST

September 2023

INCOME:			
Online Donations:			\$60.22
Check Donations:			
Cash Donations:			
Total:			\$60.22

MONTH END BALANCE	
Wells Fargo: (TO BE CLOSED)	\$0.00
Desert Financial Savings:	\$25.09
Desert Financial Checking:	\$3,489.47
Outstanding Checks:	\$0.00
Amounts Committed By Resolution:	\$50.00

FUNDS COMMITTED BY RESOLUTION:	COMMITTED:	SPENT:	REMAINING:
Postage For Special Meeting	\$50.00	\$0.00	50
Total Unspent:			\$50.00

Total Funds Held: \$3,514.56

Total Available: \$3,489.47

EXPENDITURES:	DATE	
Gun Show Booth	9/29	\$110.00
Total:		\$110.00

DONOR LIST	
Justin Baker	
John Rojas	
Nellie Mullins	
Nathan Madden	

