

## **Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of February 14, 2024 Meeting**

*The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Eleven members including the Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant 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 7:05 p.m. Quorum was established. The Agenda was adopted without revision.

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

Minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting (previously distributed for review by the Board) were adopted without revision. (The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair reserved one topic from the Jan. 10 meeting to be revisited at Old Business).

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

Treasurer Ryan Simon presented the Treasurer's Report. Donations received in January were \$50.57. Funds allocated but not disbursed were \$84.00 (for the Name Cheap domain hosting). Expenditures included \$105.00 for the Rocket Radio gun show.

Total available funds were \$3,276.90. End of year financial reports were timely filed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation without revision.

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

Chair Brandon Slayton announced that a newly signed bill moved the deadline for all candidate filings (including PC filing) up one week, from the previous April 8 date to April 1, 2024.

The Chair reiterated plans to increase PC enrollment throughout the county and a need to share implemented approaches/strategies for that via email and Discord (in that only one meeting will take place between now and the deadline).

The Secretary mentioned sending letters to high-efficiency voters in her city asking committed Libertarians to become PCMs.

The Treasurer suggested using the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair’s heat map and targeting voters in the high concentration areas in outreach.

A video session where the Chair answers questions about the responsibilities of being a PCM was discussed.

Updating the website with the PC application information was discussed.

## **V. Events**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair E. Fowler noted that “AZ Gun Radio” continues to enjoy MCLP’s presence at its shows around the county.

Upcoming shows include Glendale, March 23-24, and Phoenix, April 6-7.

Staffing was discussed, with Secretary E. Goldberg agreeing to coordinate staffing for the Glendale show, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair T. Basile agreeing to coordinate staffing for the Phoenix show.

**A motion was made (R. Simon) and seconded (T. Basile) to appropriate \$110 for the Glendale show to be held at Martin event center, and the Phoenix show, to be held at Ben Avery range. The motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion was held concerning the upcoming 2A Rally at the Capitol scheduled for February 17, and possibility of volunteer recruitment there.

Brief discussion was held concerning appropriation for the “Taxation is Theft” billboard to be displayed around tax day. Late availability of billboard slots was confirmed, and appropriation related to that billboard was deferred to the March meeting.

## **VI. Old Business**

Logistics were reviewed concerning the retention of the Name Cheap domain hosting service for an additional year. The Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and Treasurer agreed to remain on the session after the meeting to see to the handling of payment of the previously designated allocation.

## **VII. New Business**

LD 25 Candidate Nathan Madden shared progress concerning his campaign. He indicated that he had surpassed the signature requirement threshold in raw signatures, but that validation had not yet been performed.

Three earned media appearances had taken place, including an online interview with a former Goodyear City Council member, an interview with the West Valley View, and an appearance on 'Declare Your Independence' with Ernie Hancock.

The Candidate also spoke at the legislature concerning SB1121, Defend the Guard, which passed in committee 5 to 2; he plans to be at the legislature for the third read.

He confirmed that the Secretary of State had formally informed candidates that the deadline for petitions has been moved up a week. He detailed that petitions collected under the old deadline are not universally usable for the remainder of the signature gathering period, but instead candidates are required to close their candidate portal under the old deadline, and open a new portal featuring the new deadline.

Discussion ensued concerning this requirement, and the burden it places on campaigns.

Mr. Madden made personal requests concerning campaign telephone calls from the Chair and others on the call.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made (E. Fowler) and seconded (R. Simon) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Emily S. Goldberg, Secretary*