

Maricopa County Libertarian Party – Minutes of March 13, 2024 Meeting

The Maricopa County Libertarian Party met via Zoom on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Nine members including the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant 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 February 14, 2024 meeting (previously distributed for review by the Board) were adopted without revision. (The 1st 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. Expenses included the renewal of Zoho workplace suite (\$114.03) which is on auto-renew. Donations received were \$44.10. A county report will be due in April. Funds on deposit are \$3,315.97, of which \$3,290.97 is available.

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

IV. Chair's Report

Chair Brandon Slayton reminded attendees that PC paperwork is due April 1, 2024, given that all candidate filing deadlines have been moved up one week, from April 8, 2024 to April 1. Forms are on the county party's website; this is the time to get paperwork in (although, there will be an additional 30 days in which candidates can run as a write-in).

Asst. Secy. Sheila Shaver noted that email was going out to all receivers of the party's email list tomorrow to remind them to get paperwork in.

Nathan Madden suggested a postal mailing to current PC's to request that they refile.

V. Events

The March 23-24 Gun Show at Martin Events Center in Glendale was discussed. Secretary E. Goldberg had previously committed to run the table; discussion concerning getting literature to her was deferred to offline.

VI. Old Business

Discussion was held concerning the plan made at the Board's fall retreat concerning the 'Taxation is Theft' digital billboard to be displayed in April.

Treasurer Ryan Simon suggested that designs/mockups be shared in Discord, with collaboration on the message and graphics being finalized by electronic ballot.

A Motion was made (Brandon Slayton) and seconded (Ryan Simon) to appropriate funds to purchase digital billboard space/time in the month of April with a 'Taxation is Theft' message timely for tax day, the specific dollar amount and design to be determined by electronic ballot.

Subsequent discussion on the timing was to finalize the design by the 1st/2nd of April, and to run the billboard beginning April 8, to roughly April 22 (a week before tax day to a week after).

VII. New Business

A. Pints & Porcupines -Nathan Madden requested that April 15 be the date of the April Pints & Porcupines; he knows that Beer Research Institute has a 'Taxation Is Theft' beer.

B. Brock Wilson indicated that there would be an April Maricopa DOT road cleanup; he would coordinate the date and volunteers on Discord.

C. LD25 Candidate Nathan Madden gave an update on his campaign. He has turned in his signatures; the campaign will go 'radio silent' until the challenge period has expired (after 4/8) – then he will hit the ground running.

Chairman Brandon Slayton indicated that in theory the party could host an event for a candidate who has gotten onto the ballot.

Candidate Madden shared the process of the signature turn-in; he noted that it is necessary to 'close' the electronic petition and then print the electronic signatures to be turned in along with physical signatures.

Candidate Madden was asked if he had verified all of his signatures, He indicated that he verified 10 pages of them (or 100 signatures) to be valid; his office requires 270 valid signatures.

D. Adjournment

A reminder that March Pints & Porcupines would be taking place at Stacy's at Melrose on Thursday 3/21.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made (R. Simon) and seconded (E. Fowler) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Goldberg. Secretary