**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

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**February 15th, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: Steve Suess Director: Amanda Parsons

Vice Chair: Donny Henry Deputy Director: Nathan Florey

Secretary: Vacant Broadcasting Director: Stacy Apel

Treasurer: Russ Clark Social Media Director: Chase Renwick

Executive Director: Justin Tucker Deputy Social Media Director: Alex O’Dell

**IT DIVISON**

Director: Deborah Renwick **POLITICAL DIVISION**

Deputy Director: Carter Mitchell Director: Jake Leonard

Platform: Vacant Deputy Director: Vacant

Operations: Kelly Liebmann Legislative: Bennett Morris

Coding: Vacant Campaigns: Jon King

Candidate Recruitment: Vacant

**FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION** Deputy Recruitment: Vacant

Director: Les Deffner Ballot Access: William Redpath

Deputy: Blake Hanson Precincts: Vacant

Chapter Development: Vacant

Activism: Vacant

Events: Vacant

Membership: Kevin Mahoney

Campus Outreach: Elizabeth Arnold

Volunteer: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert

**AD-HOC and NATIONAL**

LP National Rep: John Phillips Jr.

Convention Committee: Vacant

LNC Platform Committee: Ken Mattes

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1st District: vacant 10th District: Les Deffner

2nd District: vacant 11th District: vacant

3rd District: vacant 12th District: Scott Schluter

4th District: Justin Tucker 13th District: Andy Apel

5th District: Bennett Morris 14th District: vacant

6th District: Julie Fox 15th District: vacant

7th District: vacant 16th District: vacant

8th District: Steve Dutner 17th District: vacant

9th District: vacant 18th District: Damon Dillon

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

**Bob Blair-Smith, Brett Ryan, Paul Dimasi, Dan Lewis, Kevin Woodard, Joseph Peterson, Derek Evans**

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**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:33**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Les Deffner- Welcomed Brett Ryan; Blake Hanson – Asked if the LPIL had an official statement on the Governor lifting the mask mandate; Ken Mattes- Discussed his certificate from the Mc Henry County Emergency Management Office and how it gave credit to the importance of volunteers like our organization; Justin Tucker- commented on the passing of PJ O’Rourke

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Approved without objection**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**CHAIR:**

**Cook County Lawsuit**

Cook County Clerk Karin Yarbrough has decided that as this year is a redistricting year, we do not qualify for township offices, precinct committeepersons nor Cook County Board district seats.  We have 3 candidates for County Board as well as a full slate for Cook County countywide officials.  We gave our arguments in Federal Court last week and the judge will hear from the States Attorneys representing Clerk Yarbrough.  The judge will rule on our motion on February 23. We plan to appeal if we lose.

**Cleaning up the Board**

As we get closer to petitioning season, I'm taking some time before that to help clean up our records and the Board of Directors. We have had several Directors who have not been to meetings in months and also have not contributed any work to the state party. I've asked Division Directors to check with all Directors on their team to gauge interest moving forward. Having inactive members on our board takes up spots other volunteers might want to take, and it also negatively contributes to quorum at meetings. I hope to have this process completed by our next meeting.

**Secretary Volunteer**

We have received interest from a volunteer about our vacant secretary position. Brett Ryan is a newer member to LP Illinois; however, he attended our convention this past October and has been a generous donor. He reached out to both Donny and me saying he was interested in fulfilling the role. We met with him before the meeting tonight to talk about some of the responsibilities and duties of the Secretary. If he wants to move forward, I will call our first State Central Committee meeting of 2022 to confirm him as our Secretary, with a term ending 30 days after the Primary this summer when we elect a new Executive Committee.

**VICE CHAIR:**

**Petitioning:**

Petitioning should be in full swing for established counties. Turn in is March 7-14. If you need assistance creating petitions I am here to assist. I have created Adobe forms for candidates all over the state. Right now I am only working established counties but I will open this up to other counties March 15th.

**Leadership for the Future:**

I asked all of you at Convention, what will you do for Liberty? State Party Officer elections are fast approaching (July) and we still need a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and State Central Committee meetings. This fight for Liberty in our lifetime won’t just happen. There isn’t a cavalry coming as backup. We need you to commit time each month. Do it for your parents. Do it for your children. Do it for you husband or wife. Do it because it is the right thing to do.

**Recurring Donors:**

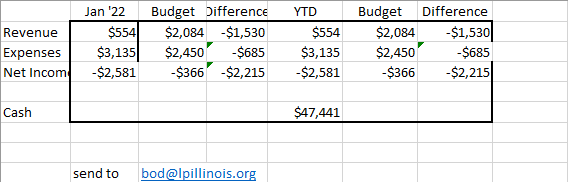
If you can’t commit time, commit your resources. $5 a month can make a difference. Over a year that the price of a page or two of petition signatures.

**Quote of the Month**

“Let me offer you my definition of social justice: I keep what I earn and you keep what you earn. Do you disagree? Well then tell me how much of what I earn belongs to you and why?” – The GREAT Walter E. Williams

**SECRETARY: N/A**

**TREASURER:**



For those who have not been on the email lists, the state party is now involved in a lawsuit in Cook County to ensure that our full rights as an Established Party are not being abridged.  We received 6.7% of the vote in the States Attorney race against Kim Foxx in 2020.  Per Illinois election law and LP IL v. Schulz (7th Circuit finding, 2017), we are an Established Party in Cook County for 4 years and are able to elect precinct committeemen and have ballot access for all subordinate political subdivisions within the county.  Cook County Clerk Karin Yarbrough has decided that as this year is a redistricting year, we do not qualify for township offices, precinct committeemen nor Cook County Board district seats.  We have 3 candidates for County Board as well as a full slate for Cook County countywide officials.  We gave our arguments in Federal Court last week and the judge will hear from the States Attorneys representing Clerk Yarbrough.  The judge in this matter will rule on our motion on February 23.  Should he not find in our favor, I would expect the executive committee to move forward with an appeal to the 7th Circuit shortly there-after.  As Schulz was a 7th Circuit decision, it is expected that the court would rule in our favor.

I will notify the board of the Clerk’s response to our motion on the 16th when I am notified.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Fellow Libertarians - If you are not a recurring monthly donor to the LP Illinois, please visit www.lpillinois.org/donate to set. If you cannot donate monthly, please consider a one-time donation. Also, please become a Precinct Committeeperson if you are not already one.

Since the last meeting, I was responsible for $202. My recurring donors for the month of January brought in $182, including one new recurring donor from February's appeal. Since the beginning of my second term, I have collected $1538 in donations. My all-time grand total is $4923.

In early December, I sent out a Holiday appeal email which brought in $261.50.

Yesterday, I send out a Valentine's Day email appeal, thus far bringing in $25.

Shake-up with LNC staff puts the status of a potential large donor into question. Will follow up when I know more of the situation.

I have been active in recruiting and petitioning for the Cook County primary. We are at our minimum signature require and are continuing to chug along.

I have also been to recent meetings of LPC, the Chicago Mises Caucus, and the College of Complexes, where Brian Dennehy and I made a connection with Anna Schiefelbein of the Green Party. The LPC hopes we can collaborate with the Greens on a statement against drug prohibition.

I encourage those who won auction items to secure those items in our archive at UIC to protect them from damage. I repeat: If you are not a recurring monthly donor to the LP Illinois, please visit www.lpillinois.org/donate to set. If you cannot donate monthly, please consider a one-time donation. Also, please become a Precinct Committeeperson if you are not already one.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Communications Division Report:**

If anyone has any stories, memories, or things that they would like to share about Fran Holt, please send those to me at [communications@lpillinois.org](mailto:communications@lpillinois.org)  
  
- I will be reaching out to our candidates with surveys to fill out. Jake, do we have a list of our candidates that I can use? Do we have their contact information?  
  
- Thank you for everyone who has stepped up to help out with the commercials/videos. I would like to extend the invitation to anyone not on the Comms team to join us, if you want to.

**Field Operations Division Report:**

1. Field Ops Director Les Deffner - as weather improves, our team will find more ways to become more active.
2. Field Ops Deputy Director Blake Hanson - No report
3. Membership Director Kevin Mahoney - No report
4. Volunteer Director Lorraine DeNardis-Albert – No report
5. I have spent some time to call both the newest chapter, Winnebago County and they report they have seen a downturn in members meeting attendance. The same scenario has occurred with Chapters in Lake County, as well as Stateline Libertarians. Holidays and weather have been the primary drivers of this. Cook County and McHenry County have been very active in getting their candidates out for signatures. A political club of Stevenson High School in Libertyville asked Lake County LP to participate. Newly relocated Alexa Maffei and veteran party member Bob Schlereth represented the party. They report that a lot of teens were interested. It was only an 1.5hr event. Chicago Chapter held a rally for Ballot Access Reform.Activism Director – Keith Zelinske has tendered his resignation
6. Campus Outreach Director Elizabeth Arnold – No report.
7. Division Meeting - none scheduled.
8. Asking all chapter chairs to inform their members of the (3) slots needed filled:

- Chapter Development Director

- Deputy Chapter Development Director

- Activism Director

**IT Division Report:**

**CiviCRM:**

Working on pending user. Still finding problems adding users. Added Bernie Behrens and had to fix problems not documented. David has been addressing any problems we are having.

Still trying to document how to add new users. Will then request the current Policy and Operations Manual of the State Organizing Committee.

Need to fine a CRM Director. Any help is appreciative.

**AWS:**

AWS has been tested by Andy and the treasurer was sent email about current charges.

**Voter’s Roll Purchase 2022:**

Still waiting on when to purchase.

**Webmail:**

Created document for users to use Webmail through browser or CiviCRM. Includes document on instruction from National.

**Convention Report: None**

**Political Division Report:**

Things have been considerably limited in the Division this past month. Of course, one of the biggest issues would be that of our current lawsuit against the Cook County government (since the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners are allegedly going to abide to whatever the decision is).

The initial lawsuit is the precursor of a potential ballot access lawsuit for this cycle regarding ballot access for all Congressional and General Assembly races in districts exclusively within the county.

The only political subdivision that LP Chicago/Cook County Libertarian Central Committee will be unable to run candidates for is the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, which has a small amount of territory protruding into DuPage County. Earning recognized party status in DuPage will resolve that issue if a countywide candidate was to run this year to secure countywide ballot access.

Petitioning in our seven established counties are still ongoing, and they must have their petitions turned in by the end of the day of March 14, the final day of filing for the June 28 primary. In the case of Cook County, I would hope for a quick decision in the courts so that the candidates for county commission can be on the ballot for the primary.

I could not express enough the importance of using your powers as established counties to utilize the post-primary nominations in vacancy (NiV) system. Those candidates will still have to collect the signatures required for an established party as a part of the NiV to represent the party in the November general election.

Only one candidate inquiry came from National in the past month: David Pruitt, who is seeking a run for mayor of Chicago in 2023. Currently, I do not know if we receive candidate inquiries via our website like we did under our pre-CiviCRM website format.

I’m still trying to recover all the campaign training materials to pass on to the statewide campaigns, but I have not had the time or opportunity to access them. I hope to have that information out by the next BOD meeting.

**LP National Report: None**

**CHAPTER REPORTS: *Please submit any chapter reports to*** [***Secretary@LPIllinois.org***](mailto:Secretary@LPIllinois.org)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion #1 – Resolution supporting “Defend the Guard” Legislation in Illinois (Henry) (Deffner)

“Whereas Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution grants the United States Congress the exclusive power to declare war;

Whereas despite the clear language of the United States Constitution granting Congress the exclusive power to declare war, the Executive Branch has unconstitutionally assumed that power while the Congress has abdicated its Constitutional duty;

Whereas although the United States Congress has not declared war in over 70 years, the nation has gone to war repeatedly at the whim of the Executive branch;

Whereas when unconstitutional acts are taken by the Federal government, it is the proper role of the States themselves to take action to remedy such situations as evident in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798;

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Illinois supports the passage of “Defend the Guard” legislation by the Illinois General Assembly which would require an official declaration of war or a legislative action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the Illinois Army and/or Air National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat operations.”

**Next Meeting Date: 15 March 2022**

**Adjourn: 8:36PM**