**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**5/21/2024 7:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

State Chair: William Redpath ABSENT Director: Vacant

Vice Chair: Matt Piron Deputy Director: Vacant

Secretary: Ken Mattes Social Media: Vacant

Treasurer: Russ Clark Newsletter: Vacant

Executive Director: Justin Tucker Public Relations: Vacant

 Broadcasting: Vacant

**POLITICAL DIVISION**

Director: Jake Leonard **FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION**

Deputy Director Cook/DuPage: Jim Humay Director: Blake Hanson

Candidate Recruitment: Vacant Deputy Director: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert

Campaigns: Jon King ABSENT Campus Outreach: Vacant

Legislative: Cody Graves ABSENT Volunteer: Lorraine DeNardis-Albert

Ballot Access: William Redpath ABSENT Membership: Vacant

Precincts: Vacant Activism: Vacant

 Chapter Development: Paul DiMasi 20:07

**IT DIVISO****N** Deputy Chapter Development: Vacant

Director: Bob Blair-Smith

Deputy Director: Carter Mitchell ABSENT Convention Committee: Ken Mattes Operations: Kelly Liebmann

CRM Training: Gabe Carrier ABSENT LNC Region 6 Rep: Marcos Tuniewicz

Website: Jarrod Weishaar ABSENT LNC Region 6 Alt: William Redpath

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1st District: Matt Cunningham ABSENT 10th District: Alexa Maffei 20:00

2nd District: Vacant 11th District: Jon Harlson ABSENT

3rd District: Danny Lewis 20:00 12th District: Vacant

4th District: Ray Walden IV 13th District: Vacant

5th District: Vacant 14th District: Chase Renwick ABSENT

6th District: Bob Blair-Smith 15th District: Jake Leonard

7th District: Jim Humay 16th District: Vacant

8th District: Julie Fox 17th District: Dan Groeling ABSENT

9th District: Adam Balling

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS:**

**AGENDA**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER 7:35 PM**

**PUBLIC COMMENT N/A**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA with following amendments:**

* **Discuss Northern Illinois LP Picnic in Old Business**
* **Add the following press release to New Business:**

Libertarians Select Police Councilor Christopher Laurent as Cook County Clerk Candidate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHICAGO, May 22nd, 2024 - Cook County Libertarians have selected Christopher Laurent to be their candidate for Clerk in the November general election. This race is to fill a vacancy left by Karen Yarborough who passed away on April 7th.

Laurent is currently a Councilor on the Chicago Police District Council (District 14) and made history as the first member of the Libertarian Party to be elected to Chicago municipal office.

“I am elated to represent the Libertarians in this county race,” said Laurent of Chicago’s Avondale neighborhood. “This is extremely important, as the County Clerk facilitates the elections in the county and we really need to tidy up the ballot access in Cook County.”

Laurent will appear on the Cook County ballot alongside Andrew Charles Kopinski, State’s Attorney candidate, Michael Murphy, Clerk of the Circuit Court candidate, and James Humay,  Cook County Board of Commissioners (District 1) candidate. These candidates provide voters with an alternative to the old parties and allow the LP to extend ballot access through 2026.

Additionally, Libertarians in Illinois are currently circulating petitions to get their Presidential ticket on the ballot for November. Petition circulation continues through June 24th. More information about the LP Illinois’ 2024 ballot access drive can be found at LPIllinois.org.

Libertarian Party of Illinois candidates are available for interview. Press inquiries and interview requests can be made by contacting executivedirector@lpillinos.org.

ABOUT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

The Libertarian Party of Illinois (LP Illinois) was founded in 1971 with the mission of electing Libertarians to office and moving public policy in a libertarian direction. Libertarians believe that being free is the best way to live. We encourage all peaceful people to choose what they want from life: to live, love, work, and play their own way, free from political favoritism or oppression. Libertarians believe that a larger, more intrusive government imposes a larger, more expensive burden on people and businesses. Small government provides room for businesses to grow and for individuals to support their families and communities.

**MOTION (3) to approve amended agenda SECONDED AND PASSED W/O (8:04 PM)**

**MOTION (4) to approve previous minutes SECONDED AND PASSED W/O. (8:05 PM)**

**OFFICER BRIEFS**

**Chair: N/A**

**Vice Chair: Petitioning needs a strong finish. Parades and other local events are a good place to collect sigs. National Convention coming, please double check your plans and let us know about any issues.**

**Secretary: Delegation relayed to Bill Redpath, Mark Tuniewicz, Caryn Ann Harlos, Josh Hlavka. Potential challenge from Caryn Ann averted. Thanks to everyone for participating in email balloting. Potential volunteers referred to Field Ops. Ray Walden will serve as 2026 Convention Committee Secretary. Petitioning update. Thanks to Vice Chair Piron for the debriefing on the Angela call. Facilitated the special SCC/Delegate meeting. Participating in Choir at National Convention. Continuing work on Feena for Senate Campaign. Accepted the invitation to be the Mike ter Maat point person for Illinois.**

**POINT OF INFORMATION (Piron) on the outcome of Minnesota’s regional vote. Ken messaged Mark Tuniewicz and relayed news that Minnesota is leaving Region 6 for Region 1.**

**Treasurer:**



**Monthly expenses include yearly renewals. We continue to underspend.**

**As I live in Springfield, notarized sheets can be mailed to me at the address below or you can hang on to them.  I will be in Chicago on Thursday, June 20th and will be able to meet people to pick up notarized petitions in the afternoon.  The goal is to make the petition assembly later that weekend less stressful.**

**My address is: 2613 Tennyson Dr. Springfield, IL  62711**

**We currently have 2,300 signatures.**

**POINT OF INFORMATION (Fox) on formally approving picnic expenses. (Clarified below)**

**POINT OF INFORMATION (Liebmann) on insurance certification for McHenry County events. Email forwarded to Treasurer Clark as a result.**

**Executive Director: Petitioning update. Call for donations, recurring donations, and lifetime memberships. All time haul $31,053. Met Father Robert Sirico at Acton Institute Luncheon at University League Club and viewed ‘Undivide Us’ at a State Policy Network event.**

**DIRECTOR BRIEFS**

**Communications Division Report: N/A**

**Field Operations Division Report: Blake Hanson reported low outreach and noted that events need to be shared on social media, especially during petitioning.**

**IT Division Report: Written report below**

**Political Division Report: Nothing to report outside of the ballot access drive update, which was still limited in detail based on a May 9 phone call I had with Chairman Redpath.**

**I should have less distractions to deal with around mid-November as I complete my B.S. in Communication through the University of Phoenix. Some time after that, I would like to help out with the Communications Division as needed on top of my existing duties as Political Director (because we really need this division to remain active in some capacity).**

**Since I had to abandon plans to run for Circuit Clerk in Montgomery County due to not having any volunteers helping with the drive, I have transitioned to a run for Library Trustee in my library district (in which none of the current appointed trustees on the board wish to run) for one of the two six-year positions. That petition drive doesn't start until September.**

**SCC/CHAPTER REPORTS: *Please submit any chapter reports to*** ***Secretary@LPIllinois.org***

**LNC REGIONAL/NATIONAL REPORTS: N/A**

**OLD BUSINESS (as amended):**

* **Northern Illinois LP Picnic update (Fox) 11:30 AM Saturday July 20 until at least 5 PM at Deer Grove Forest Preserve East Shelter #1. Potluck and BYOB. Discussion on budget resulted in the determination that expenses are approved in the Field Ops budget. Julie proposed a meeting with Blake and Lorraine to coordinate the picnic. Julie asked Justin to share the picnic on the LPIL email chain. Ken noted that he still has some supplies from the hospitality suite. Julie noted that Matt Hovey may still have left over supplies from the last picnic. Adam mentioned Matt’s pending move to Florida; Ken relayed that Matt remains in Illinois for now.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION 1 (Lewis) to appoint Ray Walden IV as the Libertarian Party of Illinois' Social Media Director SECONDED. Dan spoke to his motion. Ray accepted the nomination. Justin asked about Ray’s social media strategy. Bob asked Ray to review the member survey results. Justin suggested that Ray should consult with Chase Renwick to maintain continuity. Lorraine asked about posting original content versus sharing posts and recommended the use of AI.**

**MOTION 1 PASSED W/O.**

**MOTION 2 (Tucker) to approve the press release (above) SECONDED AND PASSED W/O.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 6/18 7:30 PM.**

**Adjourn:**

**Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ken Mattes**

**IT Division Report:**

**Previous projects / activities-**

**Training / Train the Trainer**

* New IT Division leadership (Directors Carrier and Weishaar) have been onboarded with CRM and Website management tools.

**May requests/ Activities:**

* Assisted Members with various email/lpmail and Civi CRM login requests
* Publicized the 2x weekly CRM Training sessions hosted by National IT  <https://my.lp.org/events/category/crm-user-orientation/>
* Mentoring session with IT CRM trainer and national CRM administrator David Aitken
* On-boarding 2 new IT Division Directors, Gabe Carrier(CRM) and Jarrod Weishaar (web)
* Stripe freeze (payments) inquiry from Treasurer Clark. IT Division confirmed other affiliates are observing similar issues and cause is likely tied to how Domain name lp.org is being flagged by Stripe with new server integrations.

IT Division shared similar scenarios and how other similar affiliates are handling this situation. More to be done to resolve.

**Expenses:**

Amazon Web Services

May $80.76

April $77.90

**IT Requests**

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| **Request/request by** | **Platform** | **Owner** | **Status** | **Date of resolution** |
| Leadership (SCC) | CRM IT Web | IT Web | Completed  | 5/2/24 |
| Volunteer training | CRM | IT / CRM | Ongoing | --- |
| Investigate Stripe delays in payments | Stripe | IT Dir | Consulting other LP affiliates, shared with Chair and treasurer | ongoing |

**New Projects:**

1. **Document Management migration**:

As mentioned in last report, Amazon WorkDocs is ending support for that platform and it is expensive for the LP of Illinous to continue using. The IT Division is evaluating new Document storage solutions and seeks input from members on affordable and secure platforms.

1. **IL Voter Database** import/export for Demographic data refresh
2. **CRM Evolution call** with Andy Burns (AB Consulting) **March 25th** . Delegates including Division Director will consult with Andy and state affiliates on cost /logistics to move to new platform

**\***Affiliates contracting with AB for a new version of CRM environment will have a one-time migration and recurring costs, depending on how many other affiliates also join on . IN and OH so far (KY is pending) **Note: Current CiviCRM is at $0 cost to the LP of Illinois.**

**Notes from call with AB Consulting archived in April IT Division report**