

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting, Date: Thursday, May 6th, 2021

At a regular session of the State Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky, Randall Daniel in the Chair, Amanda Billings as Secretary.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 pm EDT via Zoom teleconference.

In attendance: Randall Daniel (Chair), James Toller (Vice Chair), Amanda Billings (Secretary), Rob Perry (Treasurer), Bethany Extine (D2 Chair), Dale Gillespie (D3 Chair), Christian Varney (D4 Chair), Don Stacy (D5 Chair), Charles Altendorf (D6 Chair)

RD: D1 Chair Cyrus Eckenberg resigned is now D1 Treasurer. New D1 Chair is Jill Jaco. At-Large John Hicks resigned as At-Large and is now D3 Vice Chair.

Pt of Inq. RP: Where do we stand on quorum? AB: Nine present, seven needed.

**Adoption of Agenda**

RD presents agenda.

JT Motions to adopt agenda. AB seconded. Agenda adopted @ 9:06 pm.

**Treasurer’s Report**, Rob Perry:

* Huntington Bank current balance $20,422.71
* Outstanding check for voter data -$2,000
* Balance at Stripe $33.68
* Total Funds $18,456.39
* We are now signed up for QuickBooks online. QuickBooks published $20/month intro price and price without qualifying. Price after intro is $40/month. RP will still pay for this, still a good solution until we find something better.
* Started creating a chart of accounts including the following Trust Accounts:

Affiliate Distributions:

D1 Distributions

D2 Distributions

Bullitt Distributions

Warren Distributions

D3 Distributions

D4 Distributions

D5 Distributions

D6 Distributions

Affiliate share of dues, held by the State.

* Updated the card for the USPS PO Box.
* Updated the card for the Number Barn.
* Acquired county -> district mapping as well as leadership info thanks to Dale at D2 convention. This information will be used to calculate disbursements.

RD: $5,000 check coming from L2 to LPKY, sending directly to RP. Also, member with double recurring charge on credit card. Please reach out to him. RP: Will get it taken care of.

CV: Question; what PAC is giving us $5,000? RD: L2; our data processor.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**, Amanda Billings:

* Meeting minutes from April 15, 2021 submitted for approval to the body on 04/22/21 via email, Google Drive, and uploaded on lpky.org site under the Meeting Minutes tab.

JT: Motion to accept meeting minutes. CA: Seconded. Motion passes @ 9:11 pm.

**Old Business**

District Chair Reports:

D2 Report, Bethany Extine:

* + Bethany Extine voted in as new Chair at special convention.
  + Brandon McGlone is now Vice Chair
  + Jason Carrico is now Secretary
  + Bryce Hiller is now Treasurer; He has everything he needs to set up the bank account but not completed yet.
* Planning an event in Cave City for May 22nd.
* Working on a Spike event in August.

D3 Report, Dale Gillespie:

* + Conclusion of April meeting provided a new Vice Chair, John Hicks.
  + New D3 Treasurer, Mr. Hunter Ovington.
  + D3 minutes are in the Google Drive.
* D3 meeting/social taking place at Flanagan's Ale House on Tues. 05/18 on Baxter Avenue.

RD: We are transferring the prior treasurer information to the current Treasurer in D3.

D4 Report, Christian Varney:

* Done with Conventions.
* Three county affiliates in D4 currently.

D5 Report, Don Stacy:

* D5 is now affiliated with Don Stacy as Chair.
* Camron Asher is now Vice Chair.
* Vanessa Combs is now Secretary
* Levi Watson is now Treasurer
* Devin Wright is At-Large
* Next meeting will be May 27th, at 6:30 pm at Big Blue Smokehouse in Hazard. Meetings will take place every 4th Thursday of the month.

RD: Do we have a Motion to approve the results of that Convention and to affiliate? CV so moved. JT seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to approve the results of the D5 Convention and to affiliate.

RD: Y

JT: Y

AB: Y

RP: n/p

BE: Y

DG: Y

CV: Y

CA: Y

Vote count: 7 Y, 0 N, 0 abstained, 1 not present. Motion passes @ 9:21 pm.

D6 Report, Charles Altendorf:

* Just returned from the Frankfort social with a couple of new attendees.
* Scott Co. meeting is next week on Thursday.
* Richmond Co. is the following week.
* Going to rotating Lexington and Frankfort meetings.
* Hosting an event in Flemingsburg in June; Brad Barron will be speaking.

JT: Hoping for 75-100 people. We will be in need of advertising. D6 agrees to pay $600. Can State help with this? This will cover radio and newspaper advertising in both Lewis and Mason counties.

Motion to approve State to provide $300 in funding towards event advertising. CA seconded.

Discussion:

RD: Is this a cooperative effort between D4 & D6? JT: There’s no commitment from D4.

CV: D4 doesn’t feel as there’s a concrete plan. RD: Is there a written breakdown for expenses?

JT: Brad Barron has travel expenses including mileage (500 mi round trip) and lodging (1 night’s hotel stay).

Approximate breakdown as follows: Facility rental @ $100, Twenty 30-second ads @ $200, Newspaper ads $35/week ran 2 weeks @ $70.

DG: When does D6 need the money by? JT: By approximately 06/05.

DG: I’d be willing to ask D3 at next May 18th meeting if they’re willing to pitch in $100 towards this event.

RD: We could ask JT to solicit memberships statewide to fund this.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to approve State to expend $300 in funding towards D6 Flemingsburg county June event advertising.

RD: Y

JT: pass/Y

AB: Y

RP: n/p

BE: Y

DG: Y

CV: Y

DS: Y

CA: Y

Vote count: 8 Y, 0 N, 0 abstained, 1 not present. Motion passes @ 9:36 pm.

Director’s Reports

Updates on Directorships, RD:

* Marsha Foster is now Membership Director.
* Byron Cabbage is the Affiliate Support Director.
* Trying to get Trish Butler in TN to become Political Director.

Affiliate Support Director, Byron Cabbage:

* Just got back from western D4 meet-up. Looking to spin-up Oldham county.
* Important to build infrastructure locally to provide support for activists and run successful local-level campaigns.
* We need to invest in training to make sure everyone is doing the right things, especially in roles such as treasurer.
* Suggesting to put some money into an affiliate support event. Would like to host a training event followed by a social with Spike Cohen and Trisha Butler. In order to do this and cover expenses for both persons’ travel and boarding it will cost approximately $1000, an additional $300 for an event space to host that.
* Spike and Trisha would be here for 3 days. Can potentially get several events out of this one expense by spanning districts.
* Need approval today on whether or not to bring Spike and Trisha out, tentatively in August.

CV: Motion to authorize expense of $1000 for the travel expenses of Spike Cohen and Trisha Butler. JT: Seconded.

Discussion: BC: Main thing is to make sure we want to book Spike in August.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to approve expenditure of $1000 for the travel expenses for Spike Cohen and Trisha Butler event.

RD: Y

JT: Y

AB: Y

RP: n/p

BE: Y

DG: pass/Y

CV: Y

DS: Y

CA: Y

Vote count: 8 Y, 0 N, 0 abstained, 1 not present. Motion passes @ 9:44 pm

Director of Information Technology, Joe Hunter:

* New NDA’s from National; sign and get sent in ASAP.
* National member David Aitken is willing to provide CRM training for LPKY. Can set up time and details if State ExCom would like this to happen.
* Everyone now has an email, including new affiliates.
* Will be continuing with tasks for byline of website and blog posts in cooperation with Comm. Dir. Christian Varney.
* IT Budget created, with a link to this on the Google Drive. A lot of unknown costs on this; will have to get with RP, Treasurer or others to determine and fill in unknowns.
* Look into cost difference to pay for domain name hosting 1 year cost vs. longer bulk cost for next meeting.

Director of Communications, Christian Varney:

* Looking for a potential Press Secretary; call with Lex on Monday.
* April numbers for social media engagement: Facebook reach is approx. 600,000.

Approx. 19,000 likes on LPKY FB page.   
Twitter has approx. 12mil impressions, 1,025 mentions. Todd Hagopian awarded us a bracket for Best State Affiliate. Started with 3,000 followers, now up to approx. 7,500 followers.

* Social media team is looking to do more research-based posts.
* A. Zehnder working on making some infographics for posts.
* If anyone has anything to include in June monthly newsletter, please send that in.

Committee Reports

Convention Oversight Committee, Charles Altendorf:

* Held first meeting end of April.
* Last Convention expense was approximately $2700, made $3100, net profit of $400.
* Three finalist cities: Simpsonville, Shelbyville, and Frankfort. Potentially Simpsonville 2022, Frankfort 2023.
* Estimates in Simpsonville approximately $1000-1800 for convention base.
* Looking for approval of expenditure of $3500 to hold 2 socials.
* Paid events. One proposal, possible Dave Smith comedy hour. Other things as well.

Pt of Information, RD: Since there are no particulars, your proposal would be a budget not to exceed $3500. CA: Yes, sir.

RD: Is anyone on this committee so moved? JT: Moved. DS: Seconded.   
Any discussion? CV: If we decide in the future that they need a lower cap, can we adjust that?  
RD: I believe so. An operational amount. Charles, is it that you would like us to authorize this expenditure, or authorize you to come up with a proposal not to exceed that amount?

CA: I would like a not to exceed amount. It does need to be booked, but I don’t believe we need the total upfront, except for maybe the convention space itself.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to approve Convention Oversight Committee a proposed budget not to exceed $3500.

RD: Y

JT: Y

AB: Y

RP: n/p

BE: Y

DG: Y

CV: pass/Y

DS: Y

CA: Y

Vote count: 8 Y, 0 N, 0 abstained, 1 not present. Motion passes @ 10:05 pm.

RD: Rules and Platform Committees? CV: I don’t believe either have met. RD will ensure Rule Committee meets.   
CV: We need a membership review of those committees. Joe Hunter: Platform is Billings, Clark, Altendorf, Stacy, Filback, Gailey, Bates, Perry, McGlone. RD: Don, would you be willing to instigate that committee getting together if I give you the listing of who’s on it? DS: Yes.

Pt. of Inquiry, DG: Can we get a read of who’s on the Rules Committee with us?

JHunter: I have that as well; if I may, Mr. Chair? RD: Yes.

JH: Rules is Varney, Moellman, Daniel, Gillespie, Raymond, Hunter, Cabbage, ~~Weist~~, Mitch Rushing, Ryan Patrick.

Pt. of Inquiry, DG: At one convention we reelected one member, and elected David Patterson to said committee, and re-elected Rob Perry? RD: We can look at the meeting minutes that was at Convention. DG: Need to be published somewhere. KMoellman: My fault.

RD: David Patterson replaced Harlan. DG: Me, you, Rob Perry, David Patterson, Charles Altendorf. RD: That’s the 5 members of the Membership Review Committee.

**New Business**

RD: New business presented by Ken Moellman.

KM: Bringing forth to the Executive Committee a proposal to get office space. Good asset to have to come and go. Considering the need for petitions for 2022, 2023, and 2024, obtaining office space right now can be used for many purposes. Location found in Louisville; $450 includes one main room with smaller soundproof space and shareable conference room/kitchen/basement. Minimum lease 1 year or potentially 18 months.

RD hands-off the gavel to JT.

RD: Approximately 18 parking spots in rear of building, plus street parking, with the potential for 8-person call center.

RD: Motion to allow himself to negotiate a contract and enter into an agreement with this lease at a term of either 12 or 18 months determined at my discretion at what seems most beneficial for LPKY. DG: Seconded.

Discussion: CV: Current bank balance? AB: Per earlier Treasurer’s report, $18,456.39. RD: Can confirm that there’s an additional $5,000 in the mail. JT: So approximately $23,000. RD: We have roughly committed $4,800 in this call so far.

CA: Is this part of a building fund? RD: This would be the building fund. We would need to transfer an amount to the building fund to fund this. RD: Will still have several monthly pledges to help cover this cost.

JHunter: Might I request an amendment if anyone so motions, that we have a limit on the amount of money that Mr. Randall Daniel can negotiate into?

RD: Essentially, we are looking at to try and negotiate the term to bring the price down.

CA: Motion to amend the original motion; to set cap at $8,100 for an 18-month term. DG: Seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to amend the original motion to set a capped amount of $8,100 for office space in Louisville.

RD: Y

JT: Y

AB: Y

RP: n/p

BE: Y

DG: Y

CV: pass/Y

DS: Y

CA: Y

Vote count: 8 Y, 0 N, 0 abstained, 1 not present. Motion passes @ 10:36 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to allow Randall Daniel to negotiate a contract and enter into an agreement with this lease at a term of either 12 or 18 months determined at my discretion at what seems most beneficial for LPKY, with a capped amount of $8,100.

RD: Y

JT: Y

AB: Y

RP: n/p

BE: Y

DG: Y

CV: Y

DS: Y

CA: Y

Vote count: 8 Y, 0 N, 0 abstained, 1 not present. Motion passes @ 10:38 pm.

Gavel returned to RD from JT.

RD: Any additional new business?

CV: Henry Co. elected Mr. David Patterson as the first Precinct Captain in the state of KY.

KM: The CRM has been updated with L2 information merged. Finding a lot of KY contacts that have moved out of state. Will continue to refine the data.

RD: Joe, is there a date set for CRM training?

JH: Any days that don’t work for people? KM: Potentially do it in Louisville on a Saturday in the new office space. JH: Can we table this until the next meeting?

RD: Next IT Dir’s report in 2 weeks.

**Open Discussion**

JT: Reminder, next Friday-Saturday, campout at Blue Licks.

**Adjournment**

CV: Motion to adjourn? DG: Seconded.

RD: No objections. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
5. Old Business
   * 1. At Large Reports
     2. District Chair Reports
     3. Director Reports
6. Announcements of New Directors
   * 1. Committee reports
7. Convention Oversight Budget
8. New Business
9. Moellman proposal, office space
10. Open Discussion
11. Adjournment

Signed,

Randall Daniel, Chair

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Amanda Billings, Secretary

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