

MEETING MINUTES
LIBERTARIAN PRAGMATIST CAUCUS
BOARD AND LEADERS MEETING
MARCH 31, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Alexander McFadden DiBenedetto called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. (all times Eastern)

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Alexander McFadden DiBenedetto (Chair), Elizabeth Van Horn (Vice-Chair), Aeris Stewart (Whip), Patrick Baird (Treasurer) (left at 7:46), Duke Van Horn (Secretary)

Other LPC participants were: Jonathan Evans (IT Director), Thomas Simmons (left at 7:02), Andrew Drechsel, Aaron Sobczak (left at 7:34), Kim McCurry (joined at 6:44)

MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

The Chair moved to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for speaking to make participation easier. The rules for voting on motions were left in place.

There was no debate. The vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": A. DiBenedetto, A. Stewart, P. Baird, E. Van Horn, D. Van Horn

Voting "no": (none)

AGENDA ADOPTION

The Chair asked that each Board member bring up one or two issues they would like discussed during the meeting.

Ms. Van Horn wished to discuss the difficulties in creating state affiliates, particularly in finding 5 officers and filing government paperwork.

Ms. Stewart did not have any issues to discuss.

Mr. Van Horn wished to discuss the possibility of revising the website and Facebook page to answer questions and provide a process for accepting and directing activists.

Mr. Baird wished to discuss the affiliates, particularly in Wisconsin, as well as the website and the status of government filings.

AFFILIATES

Ms. Van Horn mentioned regional affiliates as a solution to lack of interest within a state. She wanted to create affiliate resources to guide activists in creating and running affiliates.

Mr. Baird reported that there were 5 people for officers of a Wisconsin affiliate and it would be created within the next few days. He brought up difficulties within the state Libertarian Party.

Following discussion, Mr. DiBenedetto proposed that the LPC adopt the following resolution:

We the LPC are resolved to assist state and regional affiliates of the LPC to form, but to (as a national caucus) stay out of the state and regional caucus' way when working to improve their state affiliates.

The resolution was tabled for later discussion.

SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR AND IT DIRECTOR REPORTS

Ms. Stewart apprised the Board of progress being made on organizing the Social Media Team. She also proposed the Board recruit LPC members help in reorganizing and building the Facebook page and website with her in a supervisory position.

Mr. DiBenedetto proposed Ms. Stewart recruit in the public Caucus group and interview applicants.

The Board and other attendees discussed rules for social media posting and practical social conventions for discussing Caucus strategy.

Mr. Evans reported on the progress with developing the website.

The Caucus discussed suggested changes and work delegation for developing the website. An overview of social media accounts was given.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS

Mr. Baird reported on the state of the LPC's monetary account and payment processing.

Mr. DiBenedetto discussed setting up a meeting on Sunday with Mr. Baird and Mr. Evans for further discussion of monetary issues.

Mr. Baird reported that the LPC is almost officially recognized as a 527 organization with the IRS, and that he is preparing to file with the FEC.

MEETING FREQUENCY

The Board discussed how often to have meetings and what their composition would be. The Board agreed without dissent that the Board should meet once every few weeks to provide a broad overview of Caucus issues while smaller specialized teams should meet as often as necessary.

POLICY AND STRATEGY DISCUSSION

The Caucus discussed creating political guides for activists, explaining Libertarian Party platform stances in terms of actual policy, and election strategy.

ADJOURNMENT

The Caucus meeting adjourned without objection at 8:02 p.m.