

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 18th, 2019 (virtual meeting via freeconferencecall.com)

In attendance: Susan Hogarth (Chair), Brent DeRidder (Vice Chair), Barbara Howe (Treasurer), Andy Steude (At-Large), Chris Dooley (At-Large), Matt Clements (At-Large), Amy Lamont (At-Large)

Absent: Ryan Teeter (Secretary), Aaron Jeffers (At-Large), Michael Munger (At-Large)

Guests: David Ulmer, Phil Jacobson

Call to Order

LPNC Vice Chair Brent DeRidder called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

Officer/Committee

- Treasurer Report: Our current balance is \$13,754.02. A more detailed report will be prepared later.
- Andy moves, Matt seconds to thank Aaron Jeffers for his service on the LPNC EC and accept his implied resignation. Passes unopposed.
- At the last EC meeting, Phil Jacobson was asked by the State Chair to write a possible resolution for the EC to consider, regarding his request that the EC endorse the report of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT). See attached. Matt moves, Andy seconds to resolve to support the "Report of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture". Passes (Ayes: Susan, Brent, Barbara, Amy, Matt; Abstains: Chris, Andy)
- Barbara moves to allocate up to \$1,700 for NC State Fair expenses. Susan seconds. Passes unopposed.
- Matt and Barbara are looking into a liability insurance policy for the 2019 LPNC Convention, a requirement by UNCW.
- LWV Fair Elections Action Team - tables until Brian Irving can attend
- Susan proposes Pledge Program. See attached. This will be discussed further on Slack.

Adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 (virtual)

LPNC Resolution in Support of the Report of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture

The Libertarian Party of North Carolina (LPNC) opposes all forms of initiated force as a means of achieving social or political goals. The use of torture is a particularly despicable form of initiated force, which has been used as an instrument of policy by the government of the United States of America in the past.

Consistent with this goal, the LPNC has endorsed the work of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT), a 501(c)3 organization set up to investigate and encourage public debate about the role that North Carolina played in facilitating the U.S. torture program carried out between 2001-2009. NCCIT has concluded its work with the issuing of a report in September, 2018. The report documents the activities of the CIA owned company Aero Contractors, operating from the Johnston County airport, which provided “torture taxis”, used to transport prisoners to and from torture sites around the world. The NCCIT report also documents the stories of many of the victims of the torture program. In conclusion, “the report recommendation seek to increase transparency about the program and accountability for the illegal actions; provide acknowledgement, redress and reparations to its victims and prevent the future use of torture.”

The LPNC thanks the NCCIT for its work and endorses the NCCIT final report.

Additional info :

The report itself (<http://www.nctorturereport.org/>) is quite long. However there is an executive summary:

(<http://www.nctorturereport.org/execsummary.shtml>) at the beginning, which is only one page. You can get a good sense of the report from the executive summary.

LPNC endorsed the work of NCCIT when Brian Irving was State Chair. As the next State Chair Susan Hogarth asked me to represent LPNC and serve on the NCCIT Board of Advisors, which I had been doing until the final report was issued last Fall. I am now working with NC Stop Torture Now (NCSTN) the activist group which was instrumental in establishing the NCCIT, and which seeks to have the NCCIT report's recommendations enacted. Information about NCSTN can be found on its website, at <http://www.ncstoptorturennow.org/>

LPNC Patrons Program

(separate 'member' from 'donor/pledger/patron' because 'member' has specific definition/requirements/privileges we don't necessarily want to tie to donation levels)

Pledge levels (monthly 'patrons' program)

pledge per month for year (can 'pay' monthly or yearly)

Year = jan1-jan1

Pledge = reward

1. Under \$30/month (\$360/year): iron
2. 30-44 (360-528): steel
3. 45-59 (540-708): rearden metal
4. 60+ (720+): gold

Benefits:

- 1 patron events, recognition on website etc, patron calls with leadership
- 2 above plus yearly patron badge
- 3 above plus basic convention ticket (upgrades extra) for the year *after* the pledge
- 4 above plus highest Convention ticket for the next year