



The November 11, 2017, meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio was called to order by Vice Chairman John Fockler in the meeting room of Donato's Restaurant, 3000 Northwest Boulevard, Upper Arlington, Ohio, at 11:10 AM.

Scott Pettigrew 1B, Ann Leech 2B, Harold Thomas 3A, Jason Tyson 4A, Brian Hammer 5A, Dan Hines 6A, Bob Coogan 8A, Derek Strelow 9A, Linda Comstock 12A, Kevin Knedler 12B, John Fockler 13A, David Macko 14B and Tim and Janis Smyth, 16A and B, were present.

Chairman Bob Frey 1A, Rick Kanis 2A, Sarah Kissick 5B, Aarica Burwell 6B, Robert Leist 7A, Aaron Harris 10A and Kelli Rodin 10B had excused absences. Dr. Franklin DeMint 15B was absent without excuse. LPO members Dustin Nanna and guest William Steele were present. LPO Finance Director, Homer Taft, joined the meeting in progress.

Mr. Pettigrew moved to allot fifteen minutes to the agenda to discuss additions and deletions to Bylaw 200 between Agenda sections 6A and 6B.

Mr. Pettigrew moved to allot fifteen minutes to discuss Central Committee elections. Mr. Thomas seconded the motions and they were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Under potential conflicts of interest, Mr. Smyth stated that he is married to Central Committee treasurer, Mrs. Smyth.

Under old business, Mr. Pettigrew moved, seconded by Mr. Knedler, to accept Dr. DeMint's resignation and to thank him for his services. The resignation was accepted unanimously by voice vote.

Under new business, Mr. Pettigrew yielded the floor to Mr. Nanna who reported that we still need \$20,000 to \$30,000 after we received \$100,000 from the National Libertarian Party for ballot access expenses. The national coordinator of the drive is resigning as of December 9.

Mr. Taft is the new fundraising director. \$10,000 is available for expenses now. Executive Committee treasurer, Mrs. Comstock, reported a balance of \$16,885 with no outstanding checks. A professional company has been hired.

Mr. Pettigrew reported that we have reached 75% of our goal of 65,099 petition signatures which must be received and processed by July 1, 2018 in order to gain ballot access for the 2018 general election. If the petition drive were suspended due to lack of funds it would cost 30% more to resume it.

Mr. Pettigrew continued his report with information that all Executive Committee directorships are filled and that the team is functioning. Almost all available money is being



directed to the ballot access drive. The validation rate is 64.89% and we have 42,242 raw signatures.

Mr. Thomas inquired about out of state professional petitioners. Mr. Pettigrew assured that the national matching fund offer is firm.

Mr. Taft reported that he has been in contact with Helen Gilson, a Nationbuilder expert. 8600 fundraising emails are to be sent. Phone banking has started. We have 450 larger donors and free phone banking volunteers. To break even we need at least 3,000 calls. We also need \$100,000 per year. Mr. Taft is planning for more effective fundraising and recommended individualizing messages to various districts.

It was announced that today's Executive Committee meeting would begin 30 minutes after the end of the Central Committee meeting.

Mr. Fockler suggested a break.

Mr. Pettigrew discussed the coming 2018 Central Committee elections and referred to the Rules of Elections on pages six and eight of the Bylaws. The committeemen of each district are to determine the date, time and location of the election to be held before May, 2018. A representative of each district is to mail this information to Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. Frey and Mr. Macko by email before February 22, 2018.

Mr. Pettigrew proposed changes to Bylaw 200 Section A, Section B and Section F in order to maintain the existence of the party during periods when it does not have ballot access by allowing more flexibility in choosing the time of our elections.

After thorough discussions his proposals were approved unanimously by voice vote. (Additions are noted by **boldface type**. Deletions are indicated by ~~lines through the deleted words.~~)

Bylaw 200 Central Committee

Section 2 (If no ballot access). In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, Central Committee elections shall take place ~~for~~ ~~in~~ each U.S. Congressional District, at a time and place agreed upon by the outgoing representatives of the District and certified to the Central Committee, **within the district, or if jointly held with another district, within five miles of the border of that district.**

Section 2 A

a. The date period in which elections may be held may be changed via a resolution passed by the Central Committee, provided such resolution is passed no later than 120 days prior to the official Primary Election of the State of Ohio.

Section 2 B

a. In the event that provision A of this bylaw is changed by Central Committee Resolution, the date, time and location of the Election shall be set no later than 75 days prior to the first date on which such elections may be held.



Section 2 F

Election results shall be communicated and forwarded to the Central Committee Secretary no later than five business days after the last day **on which elections may be held.** ~~of the month of which the official primary election.~~ The Central Committee Secretary shall certify and communicate the results to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods **no later than the 10th day following the last day on which elections may be held.** ~~by the 10th day of the month following the election.~~

In conjunction, a Resolution was passed to set the date range for Primary elections in 2018 to be April 2nd to May 8th.

Mr. Taft inquired about meeting locations in gerrymandered districts, including the possibility of more than one election location and absentee ballots. Mr. Fockler discussed the possibility of two districts holding elections at the same location, date and time.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that we will use Nationbuilder, local boards of elections, Facebook, Craig's List and letters to notify registered voters in Ohio who have signed the Nonaggression Pledge and have no other party affiliation.

At 12:10 PM a motion to recess until 12:35 PM was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was recalled to order at 12:31 PM.

Ms. Leech moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to take three minutes to change the agenda to accept Mr. Knedler's resignation. Mr. Smyth moved, seconded by Mr. Strelow, to accept Mr. Knedler's resignation, which was done by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Taft, speaking for the 2018 Libertarian Party of Ohio Convention Committee, discussed the comparative advantages of the Holiday Inn and Nationwide Hotel for the proposed convention dates of May 18 to 20. If there is a one-day convention, the rates are fairly comparable. Nationwide Hotel has more capacity but Holiday Inn is \$50 cheaper if there is a Sunday function.

Mr. Smyth moved to decide the convention parameters, including Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings.

Ms. Leech inquired as to what business is required at the convention. There must be a business meeting to determine possible changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. If we have ballot access by then, there might be possible confirmations of nominees for public offices.

Mr. Taft added reports of the Platform Committee, the Executive Committee and the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Smyth moved, seconded by Mrs. Smyth, to hold a Central Committee meeting after the election of officers.



Mr. Pettigrew recommended having the Central Committee meeting on the same day as the convention. Mr. Nanna recommended having the Central Committee meeting during the convention.

Mr. Coogan moved, seconded by Mr. Smyth, to have a two-day convention, May 19 and 20. Mr. Taft also recommended a two-day convention on Saturday and Sunday. The motion was approved almost unanimously by voice vote, with one negative.

Mr. and Mrs. Smyth discussed the selection of the convention venue.

Mrs. Smyth moved to leave the choice to the convention committee. Mr. Pettigrew recommended an amendment to limit the convention budget to a 2 ½ % increase. Mr. Thomas favored a 5% limit. Mr. Pettigrew altered his proposal to 5% of \$19,354.39. Mr. Thomas recommended a \$20,300 limit. Mr. Taft recommended a 5% limit over the quoted cost of catering.

Ms. Leech called the question of selection of the venue and the Central Committee voted unanimously by voice vote to allow the Convention Committee to select the venue.

Mr. Taft discussed the need to select a convention chairman, fees and the agenda. Ten speakers need to be nominated.

Mr. Smyth nominated Mr. Pettigrew for Convention Chairman. Mr. Pettigrew requested two weeks to decide, due to personal problems, and temporarily refused. Mr. Taft also suggested Mr. Frey and Mr. Knedler as possible Convention Chairmen.

Mr. Smyth had no report from the LPO Platform Committee.

Mrs. Smyth reported that there was no change regarding the Audit Report.

Mr. Pettigrew, seconded by Mr. Fockler, nominated Mr. Nanna as committeeman in District 12B. Mr. Nanna defeated NOTA by a vote of 13-0.

Mr. Coogan moved, seconded by Mr. Nanna, to hold the Central Committee on Sunday, May 20, during or after the state convention. Mr. Thomas called the question and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Macko, Secretary