

Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

Central Committee Minutes



January 28, 2018

Fish Market

1007 Blossom Hill Rd,

San Jose, California 95123

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Joe Dehn, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Central Committee was present as voting members:

Officers

Joe Dehn, Chair
Mark Hinkle, Vice Chair
Robert Imhoff-Dousharm, Treasurer
Jennifer Imhoff-Dousharm, Secretary

Not in Attendance

Committee Chairs

John Inks, Campaign Chair
Jennifer Imhoff-Dousharm, Fundraising
Chair
John Ward, Publicity Chair
Kennita Watson, Activities Chair
Chris Le, Membership Chair

Guests

Nickolas Wildstar, candidate for Governor
Derrick Reid, candidate for US Senate
Brian Holtz, Purissima Hills Water District

GENERAL

Announcements

- Joe Dehn notes that there are 22 Central Committee Members in attendance
- Joe Dehn recognize Brian Holtz elected to office, who is in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda

- The Agenda as revised was adopted with no objections.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes

- Four previous meeting minutes presented due to lack of quorum at previous meetings
- Minutes for January 21st, March 3rd, June 3rd, and November 18th presented

MOTION: Mark Hinkle moved, with second, to adopt January 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION TO AMEND: Robert Imhoff-Dousharm moved, with second, to suspend approval of January minutes to allow approval of combined minutes into one vote

VOTE: *Motion passes* with majority

REVISED MOTION: to adopt January 21 minutes as presented and adopt March 3, June 3, and November 18 minutes as recommended

VOTE: *Motion passes* with no objections

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chair, Joe Dehn, reports the following:

- Thank you to all those involved in projects over the last year.
- FPPC Reports submitted on time thanks to our Treasurer.
- Two most important things are to grow membership and to increase involvement
 - Previous trouble within the State party has been cleaned up to allow for membership to grow and is offering more data.
 - Membership growth is still slow per the chart submitted
 - Amendment 1: Membership Chart
 - Amendment 2: Santa Clara County Registered Voters Chart
 - Joe suggests that the best way to change this is through candidates.
 - If people don't see us in politics then there is no reason to support us.
- Involvement needs to be encouraged at all levels. Joe encourages attendance to the State Convention in Long Beach and the National Convention in New Orleans

Question: Elizabeth Brierley asks how to become a delegate for the conventions
Joe clarifies that in order to be a delegate at the State party one needs to be a central committee member. And in order to be a delegate at the National Convention you will need to be selected at the State Convention.

Point of Information: Robert Imhoff clarifies that the cut off to be a delegate for the state convention is January 31st.

Vice Chair, Mark Hinkle, reports the following:

- Participated in many events this last year many art and wine festivals and two gun shows
- Reminder of Gun Show coming up in February
- Currently working on circulating a petition for the gas tax repeal

Question: John Inks asks to clarify which gas tax is being petitioned.

- Mark informs us this is for the gas tax enacted by the state legislature in November 2017.

- Petition requires 585,000 signatures and over 450,000 have already been collected.
- Another petition in progress is one to repeal Top Two
 - Most candidates don't make it to top two because it's usually two democrats.
- Reminds everyone he is working on writing ballot arguments
 - As of yet there are no tax increases on the June ballot

Point of Information: Robert Imhoff informs us they might sneak in the toll bridge tax on the June ballot.

- Already in contact with other tax groups ready to oppose the toll tax.
 - Toll tax will affect all 9 counties in Bay Area.

Question: Joe Dehn asks if there are any other measures locally

- Mark is not aware of any but monitoring mailing list for updates

Secretary, Jennifer Imhoff, reports the following:

- Santa Clara County has 93 members as of December 31, 2017 per the LPC Secretary
- Total State party currently is at 978 members
- Social Media activity is up
 - MeetUp has increased by 12 in the last quarter
 - Twitter and Facebook slowly rising
 - Looking to re-engage our social media presence to make sure you are all informed

Treasurer, Robert Imhoff, reports the following:

- State dues sharing communication is fixed
 - New state treasurer has brought us up to date
 - receiving about \$290 in recurring income and expected to go up
- Received additional funding from several events over the year and one time donations.
- Notable donations came from
 - \$100 at a meeting
 - 4th of July BBQ
- Took in more money than we spent in 2017
- Will prepare a budget to be presented at the next Executive Meeting
- Still looking for a new bank and will possibly switch to Umpqua Community Bank
 - Umpqua offers meeting space and event hosting
 - Also works with most local marijuana dispensaries

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Chair, Kennita Watson, reports the following:

- Number of activities were held over the year
 - Worked closely with Membership Chair for coffee meetings
- Still working to find speakers
 - Possibly host a talk with Seasteading Institute
 - Other liberty orientated speakers are being pursued
- Other ideas include
 - Speaking engagements
 - Bowling and other team building

Campaign Chair, John Inks, reports the following:

- Working to identify what would best assist candidates
- Suggests candidates consider that there are a lot of things people disagree on, so find something that can be appealing to all sides.
 - What are we going to do about Medicare/Medicaid?
 - What are we going to do about the deficit
- Been busy searching for candidates within Mountain View
 - Three incumbents running for office with little or no competition
- Filing fees have gone down some since 2016

Point of Information: Joe Dehn clarifies that this might be the difference between filing fees and statement fees.

- Reminds candidates he is an experienced and successful candidate with experience in campaign mechanics and organization

Point of Information: Joe Dehn reminds candidates that there are lots of people who are willing to help, Such as John Ward with websites, Elizabeth Brierley and Jennifer Imhoff with publicity, or Robert Imhoff with mailing lists and nation builder.

Candidate Discussion

- Derrick Reid, US Senate
 - Wrote a memo on how to eliminate national debt
 - Welcomes any help offered
- Nickolas Wildstar, Governor
 - Reminds candidates and supporters alike to have a “We can win” attitudes
 - Governor race traditionally has low turnout in June

- Goal is to let people know he doesn't need money just votes
- Priority on grass roots efforts
 - focusing on attracting conservatives and undecided
 - Requests we talk to people about the campaign
- Partnering with Libertarian Leadership Academy
 - Empowered County Captains to act as campaign managers
- Has bumper stickers and yard signs for sale
- Bob Goodwin, Assembly district 24
 - Will be formally asking the County LP for endorsement
 - Will be maintaining a positive image of the Libertarian Party
 - Focusing on how to keep people in their homes and jobs
- Robert Imhoff, Assembly district 25
 - Currently using NationBuilder to track volunteers and donations
 - Asking for "one day" of volunteering to walk precinct or make phone calls
 - Two buttons on site, Donate and Volunteer. Encouraging people to do one. And if they can both.

MOTION: Jennifer Imhoff moved, with second, to extend time for campaign report by 15 minutes.

VOTE: *Motion passes with -no objection*

- Kennita Watson, Congressional district 17
 - Set up a GoFundMe that is already receiving funding.
 - Needs help repackaging and advertising funding site
 - Needs volunteers for getting signatures in lieu
 - Each signature is worth about \$87
 - Needs help with website to build out web presence
- Chris Le, San Jose City Council district 7
 - Asking for volunteers and donations.
 - San Jose only offers about 23 days to raise funds
 - Needs people who are not shy for video endorsements, opinions about issues
- Jennifer Imhoff, San Jose City Council district 5
 - Asking to talk about candidates
 - Be proud to support candidates even if they are not in your district
 - Issues are often the same in neighboring cities
 - Say our names
 - Be passionate

Point of Information: Elizabeth Brierley informs us she also ran for State Board of Equalization with experience being on candidate forums and can also provide tips, tricks, suggestions, and coaching.

Fundraising Chair, Jennifer Imhoff, reports the following:

- Lots of small efforts through the year.
 - Tip jar was enough to pay for one event.
- Has been working to find a location to host a plated dinner to focus on raising money for candidates
 - In touch with several locations to obtain quotes

Question: Joe Dehn asks if there is any effort to help candidates with filing fees as the deadline is coming up.

- Not sure what can be done within the time crunch

Question: Joe Dehn hoping to get money without having to go to dinner and just give money directly to the cause. He doesn't want to see candidates who want to run not be able to because of filing fee. Is there some way we can ask people to pay directly?

- We could put together a candidate support page for the website.

Point of Information: Joe Dehn is ready to donate \$100 to congressional candidates and hopes this motivates other to donate too. If everyone attending donated \$100 today we could cover filing fees.

Point of Information: Nickolas Wildstar is required to raise \$4000 or 10,000 signatures. Between February 7th and March 7th is when this needs to be raised. And donate directly to candidates websites is an option.

Point of Information: Joe Dehn asks people to think if they want a libertarian candidate on the ballot then donate to make it happen. If 17 people pay \$100 then Kennita can be on the ballot. The more people come forward to pay the better.

Point of Information: Robert Imhoff informs that filing fees are not absolute. If a candidate is in a financial situation personally that can preclude them from running. We had a candidate in a special election down south who only paid \$200 because of their situation.

Membership Chair, Chris Le, reports the following:

- Monthly coffee meetings have been well attended
 - Bringing in a few new members
- Hoping the next few months we will be able to attract new members through campaign efforts

Newsletter Chair, *vacant*

Publicity Chair, John Ward, reports the following:

- Took position only half way through the year
- Working to make it faster and easier to get information out to our members
- Created a mock up of refreshed website
- Wanted to pursue more community efforts for name recognition
 - Missed opportunity to sign up for Christmas In The Park
 - Suggests streamlining Party hierarchy to expedite decisions

OTHER REPORTS

California LP Robert Imhoff reports the following:

- The State Convention is starting to announce more news
 - Tickets on sale now online at ca.lp.org
 - Speakers announced are Judge Jim Gray, Tom Campbell, Matt Welch , Sophia Cope, Jennifer Grossman, Brando Eaton & More
 - Larry Sharpe will be moderating several panels
 - LNC Chair panel will include Nicholas Sarwark and Joshua Smith
 - Governor Candidate panel
- Amtrak and Jetblue offer decent prices to travel

National LP Elizabeth Brierley reports the following:

- National Convention will be in June
 - Tickets onsale now
 - To be a delegate you need to be selected at the State Convention
 - lp.org/convention for more information

Resolutions

- As done in previous years a blanket resolution to oppose new taxes that may come up
- Does not require action but allows chair and executive committee to act

MOTION: Robert Imhoff-Dousharm moved, with second, to authorize the chair or the executive committee to take a position opposing any new tax, renewal of tax, or increase of tax or bond measure.

VOTE: *Motion passes with* -no objection

ELECTIONS

Chair

Jennifer Imhoff nominated by Robert Imhoff.

Joe Dehn nominated by Kennita Watson

Jennifer Imhoff elected with majority.

Vice Chair

Mark Hinkle nominated by Robert Imhoff.

Mark Hinkle elected with 1 vote for none of the above.

Secretary

Kimberly Davis nominated by Jennifer Imhoff.

Kimberly Davis elected with no votes for none of the above.

Treasurer

Robert Imhoff nominated by Jennifer Imhoff.

Robert Imhoff elected with 1 vote for none of the above.

Activities Chair

Kenny Truong nominated by Chris Le.

Kenny Truong elected with no votes for none of the above.

Campaign Chair

John Inks nominated by Robert Imhoff.

John Inks elected with no votes for none of the above.

Fundraising Chair

Kennita Watson nominated by Samuel Le.

Kennita Watson elected with no votes for none of the above.

Membership Chair

Chris Le nominated by Samuel Le.

Chris Le elected with no votes for none of the above.

Newsletter Chair

Samuel Le nominated by Chris Le.

elected with no votes for none of the above.

Publicity Chair

John Ward nominated by Jennifer Imhoff.

John Ward elected with 1 vote for none of the above.

Judicial Committee

Joe Dehn nominated by Samuel Le.

Bill White nominated by Elizabeth Brierley.

Elizabeth Brierley nominated by Mark Hinkle.

ALL elected with no votes for none of the above.

Platform Representative

Eric Buchanan nominated by Robert Imhoff.

Kimberley Davis nominated by Samuel Le.

Kimberly Davis elected with majority

Erick Buchanan elected as Alternate with no votes for none of the above.

ENDORSEMENTS

Bob Goodwyn for Assembly District 24

MOTION: Robert Imhoff-Dousharm moved, with second, to endorse Bob Goodwyn for Assembly District 24

VOTE: *Motion passes with -no objection*

Nickolas Wildstar for Governor of California

MOTION: Robert Imhoff-Dousharm moved, with second, to endorse Nickolas Wildstar for Governor of California

VOTE: *Motion passes with -no objection*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Robert Imhoff-Dousharm moves to adjourn with no objection

The central committee meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm

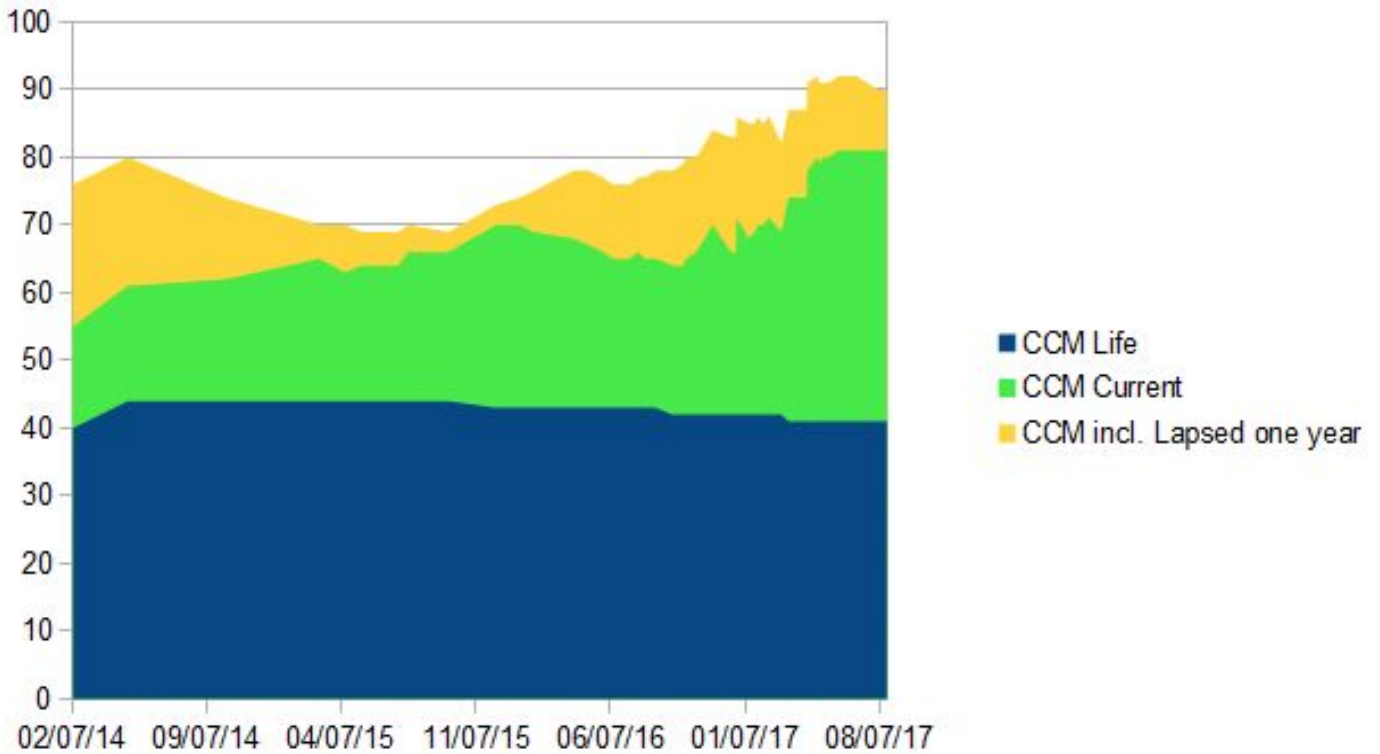
MOTION: Robert Imhoff-Dousharm moved, with second, to migrate website platform to Nation Builder, with costs not to exceed \$50/month

Aye	7
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	3

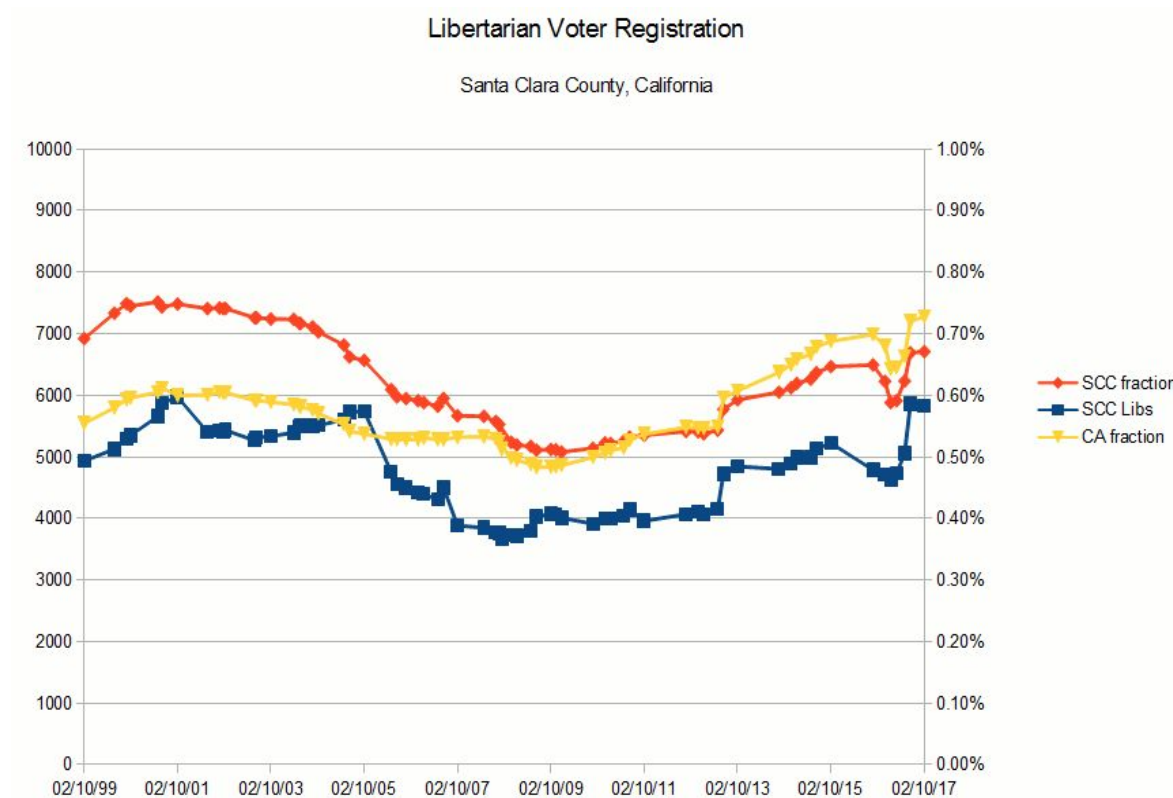
VOTE: *Motion passes with -no objection*

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Membership Chart submitted by Chair, Joe Dehn



Attachment 2: Santa Clara County Registered Libertarians Chart submitted by Chair, Joe Dehn



Attachment 3: Secretary's Report submitted by secretary, Jennifer Imhoff

Secretary's Report

Central Committee Meeting

Secretary: Jennifer Imhoff

Date: January 28th, 2018

Agenda

- Membership Update
- State Party Update
- Media update
- Recommendations
- Meeting History

Secretary's Report

Executive Overview

The Libertarian Party of California recently submitted the membership report. Per this report, sent on January 3rd, 2018, the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party has a total of 93 members. Of these 89 are central committee members. The county membership not changed since our last meeting. Total state membership is currently at 978

Membership Totals

Per the Libertarian Party of California's Secretary membership report sent on [date]

- Total Membership as of December 31st, 2017 is 93(+/- 4)
- Total Central Committee Members as of December 31st, 2017 is 89 (+/- 4)
- Statewide we have 908 members with 768 of those being central committee members.

County Affiliation	Life	Total Membership	Central Committee Members	Total Membership	Central Committee Members
		12/31/2017		11/30/2017	
Santa Clara	44	93	89	92	88

California State Party Update

Events

The next state Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 10th in Sacramento. The exact location to be announced soon. More candidate endorsements will be made at this meeting. If anyone here is interested in attending the Amtrak offers both train and bus services to Sacramento.

The 2018 State convention is fast approaching. In addition to already announced speakers

Social Media Review

ACCOUNT	Followers
MeetUp	257(+10)
FaceBook	113(+0)
Twitter	17(+2)

As of 01/27/2018

Meeting History

- Central Committee Meeting – 2017/03/04
- March Coffee MeetUp – 2017/03/18
- April Coffee MeetUp – 2017/04/15
- State Convention - 2017/04/28-30
- Berryessa Art & Wine - 2017/05/13
- May Coffee MeetUp - 2017/05/20
- Central Committee Meeting - 2017/06/03
- Rose White & Blue Parade - 2017/06/04
- 4th of July BBQ - 2017/06/04
- June Coffee MeetUp - 2017/06/15
- July Coffee MeetUp - 2017/07/15
- August Coffee MeetUp - 2017/08/19
- Central Committee Meeting - 2017/08/19
- Pride Parade - 2017/08/27
- Mountain View Art & Wine - 2017/09/9-10
- Santa Clara Art & Wine - 2017/09/16
- September Coffee MeetUp - 2017/09/16
- October Coffee MeetUp - 2017/10/21
- Gun of the West Show - 2017/11/11-12
- JSA Convention - 2017/11/11
- Central Committee Meeting – 2017/11/18
- Coffee MeetUp - 2018/01/20

END OF REPORT

Attachment 4: Treasurer's Report submitted by Treasurer, Robert Imhoff

SCC Treasurer Report, January 27th, 2018

County: Santa Clara
Treasurer: Robert Imhoff

Account Details January 1st, 2018

Wells Fargo Account

Checking Account Balance

\$521.81

Savings Account Balance

\$1,657.93

PayPal Account

\$262.81

Petty Cash

\$40.00

Total

\$2,482.55

Accounting

Period: January 1st through December 31st, 2017

Account Receipts

State Dues Share	\$375.00
Reoccurring Donations	\$290.24
New Membership	\$125.00
Member Renewals	\$25.00
One Time Donations	\$992.97

Total	\$1808.21

Account Expenditures

Festivals/Events	\$761.12
Phone/IT/Web	\$222.22
Office/Postage/Mail	\$217.48
Banners/Flyers	\$95.28
Transaction Fees	\$24.09
FPPC Fees	\$50.00

Total	\$1370.19

Attachment 5: Fundraising Chair's Report

Fundraising Committee Report, January 27, 2018

Commissioned by: Joe Dehn – SCC LP Chairperson

Committee Chair: Jennifer Imhoff-Dousharm

Members: N/A at this time

Agenda

- Updated the Executive Committee and the Central Committee members
- Interim Financial Report
- Forward looking overview
- Recommendations

Fundraising Committee

Committee Purpose

- Responsible for coordinating fundraising activities.
- Identify specific, potential sources of funds from a diverse mix of sources to:
 - Increase donations towards the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party
 - Enable and support the Activities Committee and Executive Committee
- Facilitate actionable items for central committee members to be involved in the fundraising process
- Responsible for communicating fundraising ideas, activities, and results to the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party Executive Committee and Central Committee Members
- Create and strive for specific financial targets.
 - Provide guidance for Executive Committee Members on meeting fundraising goals;
 - Track progress toward fundraising goals both for the Executive Committee and for the Central Committee Members

Mission Statement

To ensure financial resources that center around information, building relationships and raising money to meet the special and specific ongoing needs of the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party, through planful and strategic fundraising.

Update

- Recurring donate is now functional on our website
- Researched possible funding sources to cover 2018 festival booth expenditures.
- Research plated dinner event

Interim Financial Report

Activities	Date	Cost	Fund	Net Earnings	Notes
Online Donations	Q4	\$0	\$290	\$ 290.00	
June Coffee - Tip Jar	6/17/17	\$0	\$	\$ 0.00	
4th of July Parade	7/04/17	\$30	\$30	\$ 0.00	Expenses covered by Imhoffs
4th of July BBQ	7/04/17	\$200	\$203	\$ 3.00	
July Coffee - Tip Jar	7/15/17	\$0	\$0	\$ 0.00	
Donation at Meeting	11/18/17	\$0	\$100	\$ 100.00	
TOTAL		\$230	\$623	\$39 3.00	

Fundraising Activities

Tip Bucket

This effort has been highly successful at getting small donations. We will continue this at all events.

Online Fundraising

Dedicated web page to highlight candidates and funding suggested but opposed by chair

Candidate Fundraising

Plated Dinner to raise funding for candidates in February
Quotes from several locations recieved.

2018 Festival Booth Planning

EVENT	DATE(S)	CITY	COST	FREE SPEECH ZONE	RECOMMENDATION
Berryessa Arts & Wine	May	San Jose	FREE	n/a	Yes
Mushroom Mardi Gras	May	Morgan Hill	\$250	?	Yes
Sunnyvale Arts & Wine	June	Sunnyvale	?	?	To be considered

Rose White & Blue Parade	July	San Jose	FREE	No	Yes
Rose White & Blue Booth	July	San Jose	\$75	No	To be considered
SCC LP 4th of July BBQ	July	TBD	TBD	No	To be considered
Dilli Haat	August	Sunnyvale	\$500	No	Yes
San Jose Pride Parade	August	San Jose	\$250	No	Yes
San Jose Pride Booth	August	San Jose	\$75	No	Yes
Mountain View Arts & Wine	September	Mountain View	\$2,000	YES	Yes
Santa Clara Art & Wine	September	Santa Clara	\$475	YES	Free speech zone -- APPLIED
Santa Clara County Gun Show	November	San Jose	\$85	No	Yes
Christmas in the Park	December	San Jose	TBD	No	Yes

Recommendations & Notes

None at this time

Requests

None at this time

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