

Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

Central Committee Minutes



January 26, 2019
Doubletree - Pruneyard
1995 S. Bascom Ave.
Campbell, CA 95008

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Jennifer Imhoff, called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Officers

Jennifer Imhoff, Chair
Robert Imhoff-Dousharm, Treasurer
Mark Hinkle, Vice Chair
Kimberly Davis, Secretary

Committee Chairs

John Ward, Publicity Chair
Chris Le, Membership Chair
Samuel Le, Newsletter Chair
John Inks, Campaign Chair
Kennita Watson, Fundraising Chair
Kenny Troung, Activities Chair

Not in Attendance

N/A

Guests

David Friedman

GENERAL

Opening Remarks

- Dedication to Al Hinkle, Robert Imhoff and Mark Hinkle
- Keynote speaker: David Friedman
- Awards ceremony run by Chair, Jennifer Imhoff
 - Bearer of Liberty: Joe Dehn
 - Liberty in Action: Bob Goodwyn
 - Chair's Award: John Inks
- Lifetime Member Recognition
- Auction of David Friedman's signed book: \$150 1st copy, \$150 2nd copy

Public Comment

- N/A

Adoption of Agenda

- The Agenda was adopted with no objections.

MOTION to adopt agenda, by Robert Imhoff passed unanimously.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes

- Adoption of meeting minutes to be postponed until next central committee meeting.

MOTION to postpone meeting minutes adoption to next Executive Committee Meeting, by Kimberly Davis passed unanimously.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chair, Jennifer Imhoff, reports the following:

- This past year, looked to current libertarian minded locals to join the effort
- Now the plan is changing to focus on converting non-libertarians and leave them with a positive experience

Vice Chair, Mark Hinkle, reports the following:

- Lots of participation in outreach events
- Written 33 page ballot arguments against tax increases, etc.
- Success with defeating 2 tax measures
- Coordinating state fair efforts to represent state Libertarian party
- International alliance of libertarian parties, met in Prague, Czech Republic
- Growing primarily in Europe and Australia, but also in South America

Secretary, Kimberly Davis, reports the following:

- At 2:37 pm, 33 central committee members in attendance
- Voting: 17 is simple majority, 22 is super majority

Treasurer, Robert Imhoff, reports the following:

- Prospectus: results have been incredibly successful this year
- Substantially increased donations due to increased member growth
- Two major donations (\$5k each), for paper mailings to libertarians
- Submitted grant proposal to a Sacramento libertarian and got funding
- Analytics on people opening newsletters, emails, etc. to show they're effective
- Seize opportunities for mentoring and building local business relationships

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities, Kenny Truong, reports the following:

- Nothing to report

Campaign, John Inks, reports the following:

- Focus on 3 main items

- Libertarians running for non-partisan office
- Running for partisan office
- Appointed office
- Ran for a third time and had a tremendous amount of support, but sentiment has changed since previously elected and was not successful in 2018
- Raised about \$29k, mostly unsolicited, referred to as “pro-business libertarian”
- Interest in public service and supporting candidates and their campaigns
- Serve on water districts, easier election to win, less political
- \$5k leftover from campaign and donated to county party
- Rent control now in Mountain View has pitted property owners against renters, incited vandalism against campaign, spray painting on advertisements, etc.
- Trial hearing this past Tuesday, evidence provided and will be some sort of settlement

Fundraising, Kennita Watson, reports the following:

- Chair and Treasurer driving most of the fundraising activities and have been very successful in 2018
- Looking to expand committee and involve more members in 2019

Newsletter, Samuel Le, reports the following:

- Encourage people to vote and support libertarianism, regardless of results

Membership, Chris Le, reports the following:

- Significantly increased membership in 2018
- Local monthly coffee meetups, which drive membership
- 2019 aggressively targeting college students, specifically to drive membership involvement and activities

Publicity, John Ward, reports the following:

- Everything in one way or another touches publicity
- Not directly involved in many of the publicity initiatives in 2018, mainly Chair and Treasurer drove those efforts

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION to suspend rules discussion to review items from officer reports (4 minutes remain) by Robert Imhoff, passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Robert Imhoff reports the following:

- Although committee chairs aren't always driving action items, they bring many great ideas to the county party and did not want that point to be lost

Chair, Jennifer Imhoff reports the following:

- All committee chairs are expressing feelings that not enough has been done, which keeps driving to the passion of the party

Back to Resolutions:

- Blanket approval to oppose tax increases as follows:

MOTION proposed by Chair, Jennifer Imhoff, to get a blanket approval to oppose any tax increases that appear on public ballots (Jennifer Imhoff read exact text for motion), passed unanimously.

OTHER REPORTS

Chair, Jennifer Imhoff, reports the following:

- Three candidates for state chair will take time to speak for 5 minutes each: Mimi Robson, Joshua Smith, and Robert Imhoff.

ELECTIONS

Chair

Candidate(s): Jennifer Imhoff or none of the above, passed unanimously

Aye: *Nay:* *Abstain:*

Vice Chair

Candidate(s): Mark Hinkle, John Ward, or none of the above

MOTION proposed by Robert Imhoff to allow candidates to speak for two minutes, passed unanimously.

Mark Hinkle: 20 *John Ward:* 7

Secretary

Candidate(s): Kimberly Davis, Salvador Robles, or none of the above

MOTION proposed by Jennifer Imhoff to allow candidates to speak for two minutes, passed unanimously.

Kimberly Davis: 22

Salvador Robles: 2

Treasurer

Candidate(s): Robert Imhoff or none of the above, passed unanimously

Aye: Nay: Abstain:

Activities Chair

Candidate(s): Salvador Robles (nominated by Bill), Jonathan Tran or none of the above

MOTION proposed by Jennifer Imhoff to allow candidates to speak for two minutes, passed unanimously.

Salvador Robles: 17

Jonathan Tran: 11

Campaign Chair

Candidate(s): John Inks (nominated by Elizabeth Brierly) or none of the above, passed unanimously

Aye: Nay: Abstain:

Fundraising Chair

Candidate(s): John Ward, Jonathan Tran, or none of the above

MOTION proposed by Jennifer Imhoff to allow candidates to speak for two minutes, passed unanimously.

John Ward: 8

Jonathan Tran: 18

Membership Chair

Candidate(s): Chris Le or none of the above, passed unanimously

Aye: Nay: Abstain:

Newsletter Chair

Candidate(s): Samuel Le, Kennita Watson, or none of the above

MOTION proposed by Jennifer Imhoff to allow candidates to speak for two minutes, passed unanimously.

Samuel Le: 9

Kennita Watson: 17

At 4:39 pm, noted that Mark Hinkle left due to personal reasons

MOTION proposed by Robert Imhoff to suspend the rules and suspend current election to move to discussing election for Platform Representative, passed unanimously.

Publicity Chair

Candidate(s): Samuel Le or none of the above, passed unanimously

Aye: Nay: Abstain:

Judicial Committee

Candidate(s): Steve Haug, Bill White, Joe Dehn, or none of the above

MOTION proposed by Jennifer Imhoff to do a slate vote on all three candidates, passed unanimously.

Aye: Nay: Abstain:

LPC Platform Representative

Mimi Robson discussed the role of the platform representative of the county, to be sent to the California State Libertarian Convention in Concord, to discuss and vote on platform issues.

Point of information: Robert Imhoff notes that typically the second runner up is designated as the alternate, if available.

MOTION proposed by Robert Imhoff to suspend the rules and have runner up elected as the alternate, passed anonymously.

Candidate(s): John Ward and Salvador Robles

John Ward: 15

Salvador Robles: 11

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jennifer moves to adjourn with no objection

The executive committee meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Chairs Report

[AVAILABLE BY REQUEST]

Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report

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