

**Libertarian Party of Indiana**  
**State Central Committee Meeting**  
**October 21, 2023**

Chair: Evan McMahon

Secretary: Clayton Soultz

Voting Attendees: Kristin Alexander (Vice Chair), Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer), Chuck Hagerman (Tech), Paul Copeland (Political), Andrew Smith (Comms), Mike Telesky (D1 Proxy), Elizabeth Coquillard (D2), Kristi Avery (D3), Danny Lundy (D4), Lauri Shillings (D5), Luke Lomax (D6), Adam Johnson (D7), Adrian Engelberth (D8), Darin Kinser (D9)

Members Absent:

Guests: Greg Hertzsch, Region 3 Rep

Meeting held remotely via Zoom.

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order by chair McMahon at 10:34am.

**II. Roll Call**

- a. 16 members present, no guests.

**III. Adoption of Agenda**

- a. Agenda adopted without objection. Mr. Lomax appointed as timekeeper.

**IV. Officer Reports**

- a. Chair – Been working a lot on the new CRM. Pressing national to get access to national data. Currently not being responded to by national, will be presenting a complaint to Mr. Nanna, our national rep. Indiana still in 8<sup>th</sup> place by state, but delegate count has increased. Working with some state legislators about changing election law.
- b. Vice Chair – Working with membership, keeping people from being lapsed. Also working with Orange County, which has technically dissolved, but working with someone who can hopefully re-affiliate soon.
- c. Treasurer - \$23,369.70 currently in accounts, expects migration to QuickBooks to happen by next meeting.
- d. Secretary – Has gotten several courtesy copies of CFA-4 from counties, gave a reminder that the deadline has passed for the pre-election report, so please make sure everyone has filed their report.

## **V. LNC Update**

- a. October 1 was the last meeting, several policy manual changes. Some committee changes, plus a statement was added stating that any proposed employee of the LNC with a personal relationship with any member, shall be approved by 2/3 of the executive committee or majority of LNC. A censorship resolution was presented by Mr. Nanna, but there was objection to consideration of the motion, so it was not heard or passed. VoterGravity was made available to Libertarian affiliates and candidates for voter data.

## **VI. Director Reports**

- a. Political – Fairly inactive month. Trying to get data in order for the big report after the November election. Working with Mr. Lundy on some data requests.
- b. Comms – Have sent out a few statewide releases, first was in support of the Wilson's Farm Market eminent domain rally, as well as a press release about INDOT changing their plans.
- c. Tech – Mr. Hagerman was out most of last month, quiet month. WildApricot is down to 8 or so donors, but most of those will be finished by the next month or two.
- d. Membership – Working towards national member numbers so that we can increase delegate numbers. Total members are 514 for national, 587 state memberships. There will be a change to membership card policy, membership cards will all be sent in January from now on.

## **VII. District Reports**

- a. D1 – Service Saturday was October 14<sup>th</sup> at a food bank, had members from both Lake and Porter. Lake County continues to have no meetings, but is active on social media. Last Porter County meeting was in September, and will be having an upcoming meeting in November. LaPorte is also currently having events. Mayoral candidate in Michigan city standing for election.
- b. D2 – Quiet month, county parties are continuing to meet monthly. Josh Vergiels is becoming a recurring guest on FreedomCats podcast.
- c. D3 – Also a quiet month, but she heard from counties and candidates that they filed their forms on time. Candidates have been talking, including Melany Love. Ethan Gaudette was not listed in a newspaper article in Fort Wayne about candidates, they addressed it and had him added. Kristi has been working on potential convention sites for future years.
- d. D4 – Boone county has a meeting coming up next week, Lundy is hopeful about getting them back up and running. Hendricks has an upcoming Halloween event on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Montgomery and Morgan parties and candidates has filed, he still needs to check on Putnam county for paperwork.
- e. D5 – Grant County had their motorcycle rally event, is gearing up for upcoming January convention and possible leadership change. Hamilton county had a recent meeting, and

a member expressed interest in joining the LPIN comms team. No news from Delaware or Tipton County. Madison county chair recently was married, so no recent meetings, but they still have a candidate on ballot and hope to have meetings soon.

- f. D6 – Gained lots of momentum in Hancock county, got 40 new contacts from political quiz. Email interaction has doubled. Gave a shoutout to donors to Larry Silver’s campaign, which they used to send 2350 postcards to disenfranchised or new voters. Receiving questions from county chairs about CRM actives. Henry and Rush counties had several Triple Membership renewals. Several counties are still quiet. Larry Silver has an upcoming Trunk or Treat event.
- g. D7 – Marion County continues to have monthly meeting on first Monday of every month. Seeking suggestions for locations, since Antelope club is no longer an option. Had a recent social event at the Rathskeller, did a phone bank and email push to get members, numbers were not as high as they wanted, but they did get a few new members and 12-15 guests at the event. Two candidates on the ballot.
- h. D8 – DuBois county recently marched in a parade, handed out candy and Political Quiz. Owen County went to a “Bean Festival,” as well as a pride event. Strong mayoral candidate in Evansville, Mr. Daugherty, polling 26-35% with many undecided.
- i. D9 – Floyd county just participated in the harvest homecoming festival. Several active door-knockers in D9. Clark county has been focusing on the Russell Brooksbank campaign, getting several ads out. Lawrence county remains active, moving meetings to Saturdays. Still haven’t heard from Harrison or Jefferson to see if they have had their CFA-4’s filed on time. Considering a lawsuit against Clarksville exclusion of libertarian candidates from government communications.

#### **VIII. 10-minute recess**

- a. Souttz moved to amend the agenda and remove 10-minute break, passed without objection.

#### **IX. Teams Reports**

- a. Gaming – Needs to have a meeting, have had multiple requests late in the season for use of the gaming permit.
- b. Data – 4600 doors knocked this season. Josh Turner knocked 1700, Lundy at 1450. Planning on a switch to VoterGravity next year instead of eCanvasser.
- c. Convention – By Friday, chair intends to get tickets up and running. Ticketing is still not active yet on new CRM. There will not be a room block this year, as the hotel is not providing any hotel rooms.

#### **X. Unfinished Business**

- a. No new info regarding 2023 elections, legal updates, or upcoming LPIN events.

#### **XI. New Business**

- a. Resolution – A written resolution was proposed regarding censorship of written materials, the resolution is listed in Appendix A. Kinser moved to adopt the resolution, second by Shillings. Lomax and Shillings spoke in favor of the resolution, Shillings especially as one who lives in a county with a library who practices censorship. Soultz spoke against the resolution, since the issue is not that private individuals are not being prohibited from buying, selling or reading the materials, and that there has to be some kind of decision making by the funding agency as to what is available, that does not mean it's censorship. Smith offered assistance in wording the motion, supported it in spirit. Mr. Telesky supported the motion, but suggested that it be re-worded to be in support of free speech rather than being opposed to censorship. Much more discussion continued in favor of the resolution. Lundy moved to extend by 5 minutes, second by Telesky, passed without objection. Lomax moved to extend discussion by 10 minutes, second by Telesky. Telesky proposed an amendment to the resolution (Appendix B), second by Copeland. Chair noted some stylistic changes will be made to correct some capitalization changes. Passed without objection. Resolution passed with 15 yes and 1 no vote. Final version is in Appendix C.
- b. 2024 national convention – Currently at 38 national delegates. McMahon is intending to pay for a suite for the Indiana delegation, but is frustrated that there has not been any progress on that front. Mr. Hertzsch noted that some LNC members think Indiana is requesting a free room, McMahon clarified that we intend to pay should we get one.
- c. Holiday Party – The holiday party will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Indianapolis. SCC meeting is from 3-5:30pm, then the party starts at 6pm.
- d. LPI Training – November 11 will be the amplify training with the Libertarian Policy Institute. CRM issues caused problems with the ticketing and marketing, but the chair is still pushing for attendees. Rooms at a block rate are available.

## **XII. Adjourn**

- a. No announcements. Hagerman moved to adjourn, Kinser second, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 12:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clayton Soultz  
Assistant Secretary, LPIN

## **Appendix A (Original)**

### **RESOLUTION OPPOSING CENSORSHIP IN INDIANA'S LIBRARIES**

WHEREAS, the First Amendment guarantees the right to freedom of speech and expression, vital to the intellectual life and self-determination of individuals and the advancement of a free society;

WHEREAS, public libraries, as government entities, must be neutral providers of information to facilitate and ensure the free flow of diverse ideas without restriction, censorship, fear, or favor;

WHEREAS, students in public schools do not lose their right to self-determination during the school day, and school libraries provide collections and access to information that foster critical thinking and preparation for engaged citizenship;

WHEREAS, academic institutions which are committed to knowledge, inquiry, and the free exchange of ideas, rely upon academic libraries to embody these principles, as they serve as bastions of information and diverse thought, ensuring that every student and scholar is empowered to explore, challenge, and contribute to academic discourse;

WHEREAS, an unprecedented number of attempts to impose government censorship on books and other media at libraries are being advanced by individuals and groups in opposition to these principles;

WHEREAS, broad censorship policies or bans on materials by any governmental body or public educational institution infringes upon individual rights, undermine academic freedom, and compromise the integrity of our democratic society;

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party Platform states, "We support full freedom of expression and oppose government censorship, regulation, or control of communications media and technology.";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Indiana affirms that any form of unconstitutional censorship in public, school, and academic libraries is contrary to liberty. Libertarians oppose policies and laws which impinge the First Amendment and limit rights of individuals to self-determination in their reading and speech at public libraries. The Libertarian Party of Indiana encourages elected and appointed officials at all levels of government to stand up against censorship in all forms.

## Appendix B (With Amendments)

### RESOLUTION ~~OPPOSING CENSORSHIP~~ **SUPPORTING FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF INDIANA CITIZEN'S** IN INDIANA'S LIBRARIES

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## **Appendix C**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF INDIANA CITIZEN'S IN INDIANA'S LIBRARIES**

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### Appendix D (Vote Totals)

		Resolution as Amended
Chair	Evan McMahon	Y
Vice Chair	Kristin Alexander	Y
Secretary	Clayton Soultz	N
Treasurer	Michael Schultheiss	Y
Political Director	Paul Copeland	Y
IT Director	Chuck Hagerman	Y
Membership		
Communication Director	Andrew Smith	Y
District 1	Mike Telesky (Proxy)	Y
District 2	Liz Coquillard	Y
District 3	Kristi Avery	Y
District 4	Danny Lundy	Y
District 5	Lauri Shillings	Y
District 6	Luke Lomax	Y
District 7	Adam Johnson	Y
District 8	Adrian Engelberth	Y
District 9	Darin Kinser	Y