

Libertarian Party of Indiana
State Central Committee Meeting
November 18, 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), John Schick (D1 Proxy), Elizabeth Coquillard (D2), Kristi Avery (D3), Danny Lundy (D4), Lauri Shillings (D5), Luke Lomax (D6), Libby Glass (D7 Proxy), Adrian Engelberth (D8), Darin Kinser (D9)

Members Absent:

Guests:

Meeting held remotely via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order by chair McMahon at 10:31am.

II. Roll Call

- a. 15 voting members present, 1 absent. Mr. Lomax appointed timekeeper.

III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Agenda passed without objection.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. Chair – Amplify training, election. 6 people attended amplify training. A few people cancelled, and a few people did not want to attend after campaigning. Will be made available via recording. Several election issues came up, brought to chair's attention after something could have been done. Traveled to several counties for election day. New CRM access is being rolled out to county party officers. The case involving civil asset forfeiture was ruled in favor of the citizen, who will be asked to be keynote speaker at upcoming convention.
- b. Vice Chair – Also traveled to several counties for elections. Wants to go to as many counties as possible for their county conventions. Asked to have potential candidates or national delegates sent to her so she can get information ready.
- c. Treasurer – Balance is \$23,250.27 across all accounts. Switch back to QuickBooks is finished, should have better reports moving forward.

- d. Secretary – Minutes for September meeting, October meeting, and 10.14 email ballot were presented. Lomax moved to accept, second by Kinser. Passed unanimously.

V. LNC Update

- a. No LNC rep available, chair presented. Indiana was reported as 8th rank in membership. Currently have 38 delegate slots, but the chair believes the membership baseline it's going off of is too low.

VI. Director Reports

- a. Political – 36 candidates across the state. 3 races won, several larger races were lost but had over 15%. Straight ticket voting continued to be an issue, but candidates who canvassed did much better in most of the races. Mr. Engelberth asked if we could get some kind of average or median from this election, so that we can compare future elections and look at votes.
- b. Comms – Not much to report. Asked to have spreadsheet of election results for communications and press purposes to celebrate victories. Wants to ramp up social media presence for the 2024 election season, ideally daily content.
- c. IT – Keeping Wild Apricot up to date. Corrected some candidate data. Sent his first “reset password” email from the new CRM. Attended training about the new CiviCRM. Mr. Schultheiss asked about a new phone system, information is not available, he had to renew the old phone system for the upcoming year.
- d. Membership – Presented by Vice Chair Alexander. 525 unique members, 2.9% increase in members from previous month. Not much growth, holding steady while multiple other states are losing members. Chair noted that 615 was our peak national membership in our history, and the past three years have been the best fundraising years in party history.

VII. District Reports

- a. D1 – Status quo. Lake county continues to keep paperwork up to date. Porter and LaPorte both continue to have regular meetings. One candidate was in Michigan City, but not much campaigning, so election did not pull many votes.
- b. D2 – County monthly meetings continue, website is coming together nicely, LPIND2.org. December 7th, Elkhart county cannabis town hall. December 9th is upcoming Service Saturday to feed the homeless.
- c. D3 – Election results were a bit disappointing, but will keep plugging along. Has not heard anything about upcoming conventions.
- d. D4 – Down five members in the district, not much growth under than Hendricks county, to whom he gave a shoutout. No wins in D4, but a few new contacts and relatively high percentage elections. Found an unknown Libertarian candidate that ran in Jasper county, will be reaching out to contact. Hendricks county convention January 10th, Morgan County Jan 13th, Tippecanoe Jan 8th.

- e. D5 – Grant county celebrated first electoral win. Looking towards doing another I-69 corridor connection with surrounding counties. Grant county convention will be Jan 27th. Hamilton county just had a meeting, no December meeting, convention will be Jan 14th in the library. Had someone reach out from Delaware county who is an interested new member.
- f. D6 – Larry Silver mayoral race was a large focus, got about 4%. Met new potential member/candidate for county commissioner, getting vetted for upcoming convention. No news from other counties on upcoming conventions, working on getting civi access for county officers.
- g. D7 – Presented by proxy Libby Glass. Marion county had their recent meeting, had two new attendees. Libby Glass campaign did well, county is finalizing details on upcoming Service Saturday and convention. Glass also noted that Mark Renholzberger had a great campaign.
- h. D8 – Michael Daugherty campaign reached out multiple times to receive help. Next mayoral candidate will meet the threshold to be include in AARP polling and info. January 20th will be upcoming Jasper convention, no other convention info yet. The 8th district has an upcoming meeting to fill officer vacancies. They had several conflicts with polls, debates, etc., that they engaged with when Daugherty was left out of events.
- i. D9 – Had lots of door-knocking and campaigning for the elections in multiple counties. Lawrence county is gearing up for upcoming Christmas parade on first Saturday in December to spread the word. Jefferson county has to reschedule business meeting. Harrison county has not had any meetups for a while. Washington county had a meeting on the 16th, regular meetups in Monroe county as well.

IX. Recess

- a. 10 minute recess began at 11:37pm. Returned at 11:49pm.

X. Teams

- a. Gaming – Gaming committee met on November 10th, came up with ideas on things for upcoming gaming events.
- b. Data – 4975 doors hit by candidates in 2023, highest knocker is Josh Turner with over 2000 doors. Two candidates requested data for mailing lists, and two candidates used data for phone banking. For an off-season project, there will be a drive shared with every SCC meeting minutes, bylaws, forms, etc. Waiting to see if we will be moving forward with Voter Gravity or with ECanvasser. Soultz noted that many prior minutes are still at prior secretary's home and has not been able to get them, asked if anyone that lives near her that may be able to get them. Glass asked if data could automatically be sent to candidates, chair noted that the data licenses, finances, and human resources are simply not sufficient to do that.

- c. Convention – Trainings and speakers are still being filled in, but the agenda is primarily set. DJ and Karaoke has been scheduled, as well as a panel on expectations for delegates to national convention.

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. 2023 recap – Everything was covered in political report.
- b. Legal updates – Brief for ballot access appeal was filed yesterday. Likely won't see a copy until after Thanksgiving.
- c. 2024 national convention – At least 38 delegate spots. Delegates must be there Thursday through Monday. Chair strongly recommends staying at the host hotel.
- d. LPIN Holiday party – Happening December 16th right after the SCC meeting, Hilton Garden Inn. Meeting starts at 3pm. \$25 for adults, \$10 for children.

XII. New Business

- a. Development Director – Lundy brought up the need for a development director, pursuant to the strategic plan.
- b. Candidate Recruitment – Chair is working on profiles to create mailers for the seeking 2024 candidates. Three declared candidates for governor, one for lieutenant governor, one for Senate. Chair wants to see congressional candidate in all districts. Shillings volunteered to help create a marketing plan/budget to purchase targeted google advertising for seeking candidates, like a help wanted ad seeking employees.
- c. County conventions – Chair asked all district reps to remind counties about having upcoming conventions, should send notifications to all their contacts within their counties. Also gave a reminder to work with county chair of largest county to set up district convention.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Kinser moved to adjourn, second by Schick. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Soultz
Assistant Secretary, LPIN