# **Libertarian Party of Indiana**

## **State Central Committee Meeting**

# February 22, 2025

Chair: Evan McMahon

Voting Attendees: Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer), Andrew Smith (Comms), Chuck Hagerman (Tech), John Schick (D1), Elizabeth Coquillard (D2), Kristi Avery (D3), Danny Lundy (D4), Lauri Shillings (D5), Luke Lomax (D6), Libby Glass (D7), Kelley Curran (D9)

Members Absent: Clayton Soultz (Secretary), Stephanie Dasbach (Asst. Secretary), Ronnie Dickson (Asst. Treasurer)

Meeting held remotely via Zoom.

#### I. Call to Order

a. Called to order by Chair McMahon 10:38am.

#### II. Roll Call

a. 12 present, 3 absent, no guests.

### III. Adoption of Agenda

a. Agenda adopted without objection.

### **IV. Officer Reports**

- a. Chair Has been quite busy after the resignation of the Vice Chair, working with Shillings quite a bit on convention. Worked with Allen and Monroe county to get them ready to onboard their CiviCRM instances, Allen is ready to launch and Monroe will be ready once their Stripe account is setup.
- b. Vice Chair Vacant
- c. Treasurer \$25,462.94 across all accounts as of January 31, 2025. Larger income than normal due to income, but also have upcoming expenses. Overall, the balance is healthier than it was at the end of the year. Working with assistant treasurer to continue sending out Triple Member payments to counties. Lundy asked about what appeared to be \$6000 in expenses on chair discretionary fund credit card chair noted that regular budgetary expenses end up going through the card, so the charges on the card are not all actual chair funds.
- d. Secretary Secretary was absent but had presented minutes via email after January meeting. Lomax moved to approve January minutes, second by Shillings, motion passed without objection.

## V. LNC Update

a. LNC Update – No LNC representative, chair gave brief update. Angela McArdle resigned as LNC Chair, Steven Nekhaila is the new national chair. Paul Darr was elected Vice Chair, who was the representative for the southern conference of region 3, so there are still discussions about who will fill which slots. Chair noted a positive shift in messaging and more transparency. Lomax asked if the issues page of the national webpage would be updated soon, chair noted that it likely will be, but there are currently higher priority issues. Chair also noted that revenue is still significantly down from where it was several years ago, and there has been no further communication about the upcoming convention in Grand Rapids.

## **VI. Director Reports**

- a. Comms Released a statement in the beginning of February regarding the use of Guantanamo Bay for deportations, got the highest engagement of any post in a while, with 162 comments. Several posts on Facebook have gotten over 50 shares. Views and engagements on twitter are down, but they are steady or increasing on Facebook.
- b. Tech Will be updating counties on the webpage as counties complete the update form. Offered some extra help to the chair with the resignation of the Vice Chair. Chair noted that Hancock county's information seemed to be incorrect on the website.

### **VII. District Reports**

- D1 Status quo, Porter and LaPorte continue to have meetings all CFA forms are either submitted or about to be submitted. LaPorte has submitted delegates to state convention, other two counties have not.
- D2 All counties except Marshall had their conventions, Marshall is still not communicating. District meeting was held, Tim Cotton was elected new D2 representative. Elkhart has an advocacy meeting coming up.
- D3 Allen and Whitley counties are the only ones with consistent communication. She is not too concerned with Randolph county, but Wells county is likely close to disaffiliation, potentially as well as DeKalb. Allen county had convention, and is seeking media contacts from Agility.
- D4 Montgomery county has voted to disaffiliate. Hendricks county did not have quorum for their convention, but did submit list of delegates. Morgan and Hendricks will attempt to have conventions in March, and we will have to wait and see if Tippecanoe county will elect a chair. Chair will add Tippecanoe as a convention called by the state chair.
- D5 Hamilton and Grant counties had conventions, no changes to leadership and both have filed CFA-4. Madison county should have convention soon and will be reminded about CFA form. Membership is down for the district, noted that morale is low.

D6 – Johnson county has held convention and submitted delegates, chair noted that they submitted all county members as alternates, which is not appropriate. D6 meeting is scheduled for March 2, will be inviting non-officers to join to try and get the district together. Drafted a fundraising letter with help from the chair. Local elections will be held in Buck Creek township, and Lomax intends to run for the board. Chair asked if there were any other people who would be willing to run so that the LPIN can have the 2 candidates on the ballot necessary to get the voter lists.

D7 – Marion county attempted to have a convention last week but was unable to make quorum. Will be attempting to hold convention again just before business meeting at the state convention. She did note that at the attempted convention, they had several successful conversations with both AirBnB and AI groups who may partner with the LPIN with projects in the future, and encouraged others to look for those groups in their areas.

#### D8 – Vacant

D9 – Curran was under the weather and could not speak, but had submitted a written report. Floyd County held their convention as scheduled. Grace Martin officially resigned as treasurer to be replaced by Reid Kern, Morgan Beatty was added as Vice Chair. The affiliate made small tweaks to their bylaws. Lawrence County's convention was rescheduled to March 16 due to lack of quorum on original date.

### VIII. Teams

a. LPIN 2025 Convention – Was presented in writing by Shillings. All deposits are paid, final check will go to venue after the event, only remaining expenses are marketing materials, banners, etc. Full schedule is available, pizza at LumberjAxe in Plainfield on Friday night, listen/learn tracks on Saturday morning, business meeting Saturday afternoon, dinner and afterparty Saturday night, and '94 Society Breakfast followed by SCC Meeting on Sunday morning. Potential presenters include Gun Owners of America, Wild Eyes and Ladies of Liberty.

### IX. Unfinished Business

a. Legal Updates – Ballot access case was going to Supreme Court, paperwork was filed on time, but a mistake happened and it was not entered correctly at the court, so the judge insisted it was not filed on time. LPIN is asking for it to be re-examined, but it will not happen until summer session.

### X. New Business and Announcements

a. Vice Chair Vacancy – Several SCC members and LPIN members expressed the preference not to fill the vacancy and just wait until the state convention. Chair would prefer to have it filled so that he had help leading up to the convention, but will honor the wishes

- of those to whom he spoke. Lundy asked if officer candidates had been announced, chair noted that they are on the website.
- b. National Data Update Chair finally got a list of national members from the LNC, though it was not correct as he could see several members that were not included. He is working with them to correct the issues and encouraged that progress is being made.
- c. Called Conventions by the state chair Chair will be sending out notices to call annual conventions for Henry County, Tippecanoe County, and District 8. Also noted that since D2 has elected Tim Cotton as their new District rep, he will be recommending Liz Coquillard to be the Outreach Director for the LPIN. Chair asked for any other counties that are affiliated but not very active and may need the chair to call a convention for them. Counties mentioned were Marshall, Wells, DeKalb, Shelby, Wayne. Chair noted that if the LPIN does not hear from a county, the LPIN should consider calling a convention and dissolving the county party if no quorum can ever be met.

## XI. Adjournment

a. Shillings moved to adjourn, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 11:41pm.

Respectfully submitted, Clayton Soultz Secretary, LPIN

# **Email Vote**

On January 7, the chair sent out the following email motion:

"Authorize the Chair to secure a hotel room for the 2025 LibertyCon in DC for the use by the Chair and Vice Chair, up to \$1,000."

Motion passed, votes recorded as follows:

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Kristin Alexander	
Clayton Soultz	Υ
Michael Schultheiss	Υ
Chuck Hagerman	
Andrew Smith	Υ
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Danny Lundy	N
Lauri Shillings	N
Luke Lomax	Υ
Libby Glass	Υ
Darin Kinser	
Ronnie Dickson	
Stephanie Dasbach	
Yes	8
No	2
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