

Libertarian Party of Indiana
State Central Committee Meeting
November 16, 2024

Chair: Evan McMahon

Recordkeeper: Clayton Soultz (Secretary)

Voting Attendees: Kristin Alexander (Vice Chair), 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), Darin Kinser (D9)

Non-voting Attendees: Ronnie Dickson (Asst. Treasurer)

Members Absent: Stephanie Dasbach (Asst. Secretary)

Guests Present: Antonia Okafor (Morgan County), Greg Hertzsch (Region 3 North Alt)

Meeting held remotely via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

- a. Called to order by Chair McMahon 10:31am.

II. Roll Call

- a. 15 present, 1 absent, 2 guests.

III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Agenda adopted without objection.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. Chair – Up through election there were several election issues, especially sign issues. In Vigo County, a union hall used as an election site was removing Libertarian signs but allowing other candidates' signs. Chair challenged that since political signs were out for other candidates, Libertarians also must be allowed. The election division released the opinion that private property used as election centers could refuse any specific signs or election workers that they want, even if others are allowed. Chair claims this is a chilling effect, and is looking into potential litigation.
- b. Vice Chair – Will be focusing on convention and membership. She wants to support local counties and keep them affiliated, opened up the offer to any county that wants her to attend can have her attend.
- c. Treasurer - \$10,566.88 across all accounts. Balance is trending upwards. Lundy sent some recommendations for the format of the treasurer's report. Chair noted that Asst. Treasurer Dickson is working on triple membership payout spreadsheets.

- d. Secretary – Been busy with elected office and transporting signs up to election. Noted that the minutes link on LPIN website needs to be made live. August and October minutes both need to be approved. Kinser moved to approve August minutes, second by Lomax. August minutes approved without objection. Kinser moved to approve October minutes, second by Shillings, approved without objection.

V. Outside Updates

- a. LNC Update – Hertzsch gave report, on Nov 9, a trial was held for Secretary Caryn Ann Harlos, and the vote was passed to remove her. She is currently appealing to the Judicial Committee, interim secretary is Adrian Malagon. Next in-person is December 7 in Providence, RI. Angela has announced on social media that her goal is to run Libertarian candidates to spoil Democrats, and is celebrating the appointment of RFK, Jr. to the incoming president's cabinet. Chair asked if the convention planning committee has met or if any info is available, Hertzsch said that no committee has been appointed yet.

VI. Director Reports

- a. Comms – Focus prior to election was heavy posting on social media, we were doing 3-4 posts per day in the week up to election trying to generate support. Lots of traction over candidate posts, and also on a post about signs. Now that election is done, focus will pivot to issue advocacy and watchdog operations.
- b. Tech – Will begin updating election information in CiviCRM. Hagerman asked when he should start adding years to the candidate profiles, chair said to wait until December so that they can be kept on public site until then. Since there is no political director right now, he will start compiling vote totals.
- c. Membership – 591 total memberships, 513 unique members. Alexander will be working on membership retention once per week making calls, and also setting up an automatic email reminder for those who are not set for auto-renew. Chair gave update on the national report, apparently September and October numbers were not added to reports. Chair reached out to operations director at national, and has gotten the problem resolved.

VII. District Reports

D1 – Little to report, Laporte county held an election night watch party. All counties continue to have normally scheduled meetings.

D2 – Had a party on election night, helped build camaraderie. New tools were used for text and phone banking as well as door knocking. Several candidates were in two-way races, doing very well with 15-20% of the vote.

D3 – Congressional candidate Lancaster got 3.5%, and his highest county was Blackford. Ryan Day got 12.7% against 3 Republicans in a pick 3 race. No candidates in Allen County, so the

priority was getting signs out to the top 40-50 polling locations as well as 4 big early voting sites.

D4 – Membership dropped back down a bit more, they are proud of Ashley Groff who got more votes than any other congressional candidate. Also had a few candidates in two-way races who got 20%+. Counties are starting to plan for conventions in January.

D5 – Hamilton county had regular meeting in October. Congressional candidate Shillings got 2.7%, and the race was four-way since there was an independent who had been campaigning aggressively for over a year.

D6 – Election was not as successful as they wanted, but still more successful than past races. Travis Chittum ran for state Senate in a two-way race and got over 20%+ of the vote. Lomax said that their goal in future years will be to funnel candidates into unopposed Republicans. Multiple op-eds running recently about local issues with excellent response, Lomax thanked Comms director for all the work he's done in D6.

D7 – Marion county has monthly meeting next week. Glass made some connections at the election night party and will be contacting them to start coming to meetings. Two-way races went well getting over 10% of the vote.

D8 – Vacant

D9 – State representative runs and some pick 3 candidates did well. Multiple counties ran candidates in three-way races that got 5-10% of the vote.

VIII. BREAK

- a. Break was cancelled without objection.

IX. Teams

- a. Data – Lundy asked Coquillard why candidates were doing texting, phones and door knocking and not using VoterGravity. Coquillard said she brought it up multiple times but they were using GoodParty. She said it was one specific campaign, she will ask what the reason was. Lundy said he just wanted feedback so that he can determine what to do better or how to get better utilization of tools. Chair asked about Floyd county since much work was put into getting them access, Lundy said he did not see anything from them, Chair noted that their data may not be visible on the LPIN dashboard. Chair will reach out to Floyd county to see if they used it, and ask VoterGravity to add it to the LPIN dashboard. Chair brought up the consumer data broker again to have a discussion about value add.
- b. LPIN 2025 Convention – Several links were dropped for convention page and initial edits were done to make things look professional, is seeking feedback to find any potential mistakes. She is expecting \$26k in revenue. Friday night venue still needs to be contacted to confirm details and pay deposit. Asked if people seeking officer

nominations could send formal statements of intent along with headshots, so that they can be posted in the program. Delegate count estimates will start going out to counties.

X. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. Election Updates – Not many others outside of district reports, except that Rainwater won a precinct in Brown County. Vice Chair noted that though the Republicans won Gubernatorial race, Lt. Governor Beckwith is already having scandals and seems like he will not have many responsibilities in the new administration.
- b. Holiday Party – Holiday party will be at Shelby St. location of the office on December 7 at 6pm, ticketing will go live on Monday, Nov 18. Chair asked for feedback about the dessert march, there was positive feedback but there were too many for the crowd that was there. Chair recommended having meeting at 2pm, so there is a break for board members to get dinner before coming back for the party.
- c. Shillings moved for a five minute recess, passed without objection, meeting returned to order at 11:39pm.

XI. New Business

- a. Michael Heise Request – Michael Heise (contractor with LP National) has requested 45 minutes to discuss Project Decentralized Revolution (PDR) and to have it be officially adopted by the LPIN. Chair said he would give 15 minutes at best, had lots of back and forth over it. Information seems to point towards PDR being a strategy specifically to spoil Democrats. Chair opened it up to the board for discussion. Both Alexander and Shillings said he should be allowed to speak, but that they would vote against it. Lundy and Soultz said it would be a waste of time since it seems that it will be voted down immediately. Discussion continued, stating that state members should be involved in the discussion. Chair noted that if he is to come, board members should try to check their bias at the door and not walk in planning to vote one way or another. Lundy recommended that if national is serious about this project, they should recognize the divisiveness of Mr. Heise and send someone else to present it, such as the national chair or our LNC rep. Hagerman moved to hear the presentation, but presented by someone other than Michael Heise. Second by Coquillard. Motion passed by voice vote.

XI. Announcements and Adjournment

- a. Soultz announced that any potential bylaws and standing rules amendments would need to be sent in to secretary by January, 60 days before the convention. Shillings also noted the deadline for award nominations and votes. Glass moved to adjourn, second by Hagerman, motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Soultz
Secretary, LPIN

		Attendance
Chair	Evan McMahon	Y
Vice Chair	Kristin Alexander	Y
Secretary	Clayton Soultz	Y
Treasurer	Michael Schultheiss	Y
Political Director		
IT Director	Chuck Hagerman	Y
Membership		
Communication Director	Andrew Smith	Y
District 1	John Schick	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	Libby Glass	Y
District 8		
District 9	Darin Kinser	Y
Asst. Treasurer	Ronnie Dickson	Y
Asst. Secretary	Stephanie Dasbach	
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