

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee Minutes

August 5, 2016

825 S. Myrtle Avenue

Monrovia, CA 91016

Call to Order

Chair, Ted Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

A quorum of the Executive Committee was present as well as guests.

Ted Brown, Chairman
Jonathan Jaech, Southern Vice-Chairman

Boomer Shannon, At-Large
Mark Hinkle, At-Large
Jeffrey Hewitt, At-Large
Eric Vaughnes, At-Large
Jason Wu, At-Large
David Bowers, At-Large
Alex Appleby, At-Large
William Hajdu, At-Large
Susan Marie Weber, At-Large
Wendy Hewitt, At-Large
Gail Lightfoot, Alternate At-Large

Members not in attendance:

Brian Thiemer, Northern Vice-Chairman
Kevin Duewel, Secretary
Gale Morgan, Treasurer

Starchild, Alternate At-Large

Guests in attendance:

Baron Bruno, State Assembly Candidate, 62nd District
Honor "Mimi" Robson, State Senate Candidate, 33rd District
Mike Everling, State Assembly Candidate, 51st District
Letitia Pepper

Officer Reports

Chair Report:

Party Chair, Ted Brown, Reported that Michael Cloud has not raised any money so far. He also reported that the National Convention was successful; the booth we had at Politicon was a success and a lot of fun and that he had been involved in a couple of Hollywood *Improv* political shows

Northern Vice-Chair Report:

Northern Vice-Chair, Brian Thiemer, was not in attendance so Bill Hajdu gave the report in his absence.

Donn Coenen is running for State Assembly in the 1st District and doesn't have a website. Ken Anton is running for State Assembly in the 2nd District and his website is kenanton.org. King's County has organized a slate of officers in conjunction with Fresno County will ask to activate them. Brian Thiemer is running for Fairfield City Council and his website is valuetothepople.com. Brian Thiemer has responded to/forwarded 100+ inquiries from the National website. Sanoma County is the biggest unaffiliated county with the most responses. The Sacramento office has closed and they have two storage closets to store their stuff. Alameda County will hold their annual wine and liberty celebration on October 9, 2016.

Southern Vice-Chair Report:

Southern Vice-Chair, Jonathan Jaech, reported that Honor "Mimi" Robson is running for California State Senate in the 33rd District. Baron Bruno is running for State Assembly in the 62nd District and has a very active campaign. He and his staff have experience in canvassing (as a realtor). Mike Everling is running in running for State Assembly in Echo Park in the 51st District. Activists in Santa Barbara County are being recruited to organize Libertarians in the county.

Secretary Report:

Secretary, Kevin Duewel, wasn't in attendance so there was no Secretary Report.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer, Gale Morgan, was not in attendance but he phoned into the meeting to present his report. As of June we had money in the bank which was pre-fair income. The fair cost \$3,000 for admittance and an additional \$3,000-4,000 for materials. He reported he did not get daily cash reports back from the fair but did get invoices for approximately \$3,000 for shirts and another \$1,000 for button materials. He received \$30.00 in payments through Square, \$270.00 in cash totaling approximately \$300.00 in income from the fair. It will be necessary to reduce the Fundraising budget by \$6,000 to offset the loss from the Fair.

He also reported that Bruce Lagasse died and bequeathed money to the Libertarian Party (both state and National) in the amount of \$2,079.39.

Adoption of Minutes: May 14, 2016 Meeting

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to table the Adoption of Minutes into the next meeting due to lack of information ready. Alex Appleby seconded the motion. The motion passes with no discussion or objections.

New Business

Candidate Endorsement: Honor “Mimi” Robson, California State Senate, 33rd District; Donn Coenen, California State Assembly, 1st District; Ken Anton, California State Assembly, 2nd District; Mike Everling, California State Assembly, 51st District; and Baron Bruno, California State Assembly, 62nd District;

Motion: Baron Bruno moved to endorse all five candidates. Motion passed with no discussion or objection

Election - Johnson/Weld campaign

Boomer Shannon was promoted to Regional Coordinator for the Johnson/Weld campaign. There have been 25,000 contacts from the website with 2,760 people going through as volunteers for the campaign and all of this is JUST in Southern California. 11,000 have contacted the Johnson Campaign and there has been a call to action to volunteer, distribute literature. Boomer Shannon also reported that they had just bought the domain, lovesjohnson.com.

Recessed for Lunch

Reconvened

Newsletter Report:

Elizabeth Brierly phoned into the meeting and reported that she needs her access level promoted for our NEON account. She has access to our list of subscribers to import into NEON and the list continues to grow. She also would like the website to have a category for the newsletter. She wants to look into making an activist-focused newsletter. She also reported that the only expense for the Newsletter so far has been labor.

Discussion: Expansion of mailing list and communications and Newsletter option for the website as well as a paper newsletter were discussed.

Alex Appleby said he would like to see an article “Why am I a Libertarian” written from the perspective of former Democrats and Republicans.

Election: Positions on State Ballot Initiatives

Proposition 51: School Bond

Motion: Jeff Hewitt moved to oppose Proposition 51; Mark Hinkle seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 51

Proposition 52: Hospital Fee

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to take “no position” on Proposition 52; Jason Wu seconds. Motion Fails.

Motion: After further discussion Mark Hinkle moved to oppose Proposition 52; Wendy Hewitt seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

No on Prop 52

Proposition 53: Revenue Bonds

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to favor Proposition 53; David Bowers seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

YES on Prop 53

Proposition 54: Legislative Transparency

Motion: Jeff Hewitt moved in favor of Proposition 54; Boomer Shannon seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

YES on Prop 54

Proposition 55: Income Tax Extension

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to oppose Proposition 55; Bill Hajdu seconds. Motion passes without objection.

NO on Prop 55

Proposition 56: Cigarette Tax

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to oppose Proposition 51; Bill Hajdu seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 56

Proposition 57: Parole for Non-Violent Offenders

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved in favor Proposition 57; David Bowers seconds. Motion fails in a vote of 5-6.

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to table the issue until further research is available; Jonathan Jaech seconds. Motion passes without objection.

Motion: After further discussion Jonathan Jaech moved in favor of Proposition 57; Mark Hinkle seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

YES on Prop 57

Proposition 58: English Learners (Repeal of Prop 227)

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to oppose Proposition 58; Eric Vaughnes seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 58

Proposition 59: Citizens United

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to take “no position” on Proposition 59; Jonathan Jaech seconds. Motion passes with 1 Objection by Mark Hinkle.

NO POSITION on Prop 59

Proposition 60: Condoms in Adult Films

Motion: Bill Hajdu moved to oppose Proposition 60; Boomer Shannon seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 60

Proposition 61: State Prescription Drug Pricing

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved to oppose Proposition 61; Mark Hinkle seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 61

Proposition 62: End the Death Penalty

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved in favor of Proposition 62; Alex Appleby seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

YES on Prop 62

Proposition 63: Gun Control

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to oppose Proposition 63; David Bowers seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 63

Proposition 64: Recreational Marijuana

Discussion: Letitia Pepper was present at the meeting and Judge Jim Gray phoned into the meeting. Both spoke in opposition to the motion as it creates new taxation and regulation and in addition weakens the laws already in place for medical marijuana.

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to close discussion and asks for a 5 minute recess. Motion passes without objection.

Recessed

Reconvened

Proposition 64: Recreational Marijuana (Continued)

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved to oppose Proposition 64; Gail Lightfoot seconds.

Vote: 6-3; motion fails due to lack of majority.

Discussion: Mark Hinkle and Ted Brown will work on the language for our official opposition to the measure.

Motion: Gail Lightfoot moved to oppose Proposition 64; David Bowers seconds.

Vote: 11-0; motion passes

NO on Prop 64

Proposition 65: Revenue from Store Carry-Out Bags

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to oppose Proposition 65; Bill Hajdu seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 65

Proposition 66: Death Penalty Procedure

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to oppose Proposition 66; Bill Hajdu seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 66

Proposition 67: Ratifies Ban on Plastic Single-Use Bags

Motion: Alex Appleby moved to oppose Proposition 67; Boomer Shannon seconds. Motion passes with no objection.

NO on Prop 67

Office Report:

Boomer Shannon reported on the Monrovia office. The room rental at the office will be \$250 per month and Matthew Barnes has offered to pay the rental cost for the remainder of the year. We will still have the \$400 per month that was approved for the office expenses to work with for other projects.

Libertarian National Committee (LNC) Report:

Jeffery Hewitt, Regional Representative of the LNC, reported that Mark Feldman, Libertarian Presidential Candidate, had passed away. He also reported that the LNC had voted to allot \$50,000 for signature gathering. The LNC has signed a new contract with our party attorney. He also reported that more people are identifying as Libertarian. December 11, 2016 will be the next meeting of the LNC in Washington DC and he will be in attendance.

Budget:

There was no budget report as the Treasurer was not in attendance.

2017 Convention:

Janine Kloss submitted a proposal to hold the 2017 State Convention in Sacramento by email prior to the meeting. She proposed new Libertarian seminars, less focus on party business as well as changes to make voting easier and faster. Mark Hinkle was appointed to serve on the Convention Committee. Bill Hajdu, Boomer Shannon and Alex Appleby volunteered to serve on the Committee along with Janine Kloss.

Membership Recruitment and Fundraising:

Fundraising: The idea of Bike rides for Gary Johnson was suggested.

State Fair Retrospective: Did not make as much money as we hoped but the visibility was good for the party. We had a lot of Gary Johnson T-shirts and signs. We have a button making machine and enough supplies for at least a 1,000 buttons. Chis Rufer's office has Gary Johnson T-shirts. Alex Appleby will get more focus on local and county Fairs.

Politicon Retrospective: It had a really good "Welcome to the LP" vibe.

Set next Meeting

Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held November 19, 2016 in the North.

Adjournment

The Executive Committee was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.