
LPWC Minutes June 14th, 2023

Wednesday, 6.14.2023

Officers

Mark Marasch, *Chair*

Jen Mueller, *Treasurer*

Phil Denton, *Secretary - Absent*

Joshua Toms - *Acting Secretary*

Members Present

Catherine Marasch

Guests Present

Nic Moore

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 pm

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes

Jen makes motion to accept minutes, Catherine seconds. Motion carries.

Officer Announcements

Chair

- Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF) is urging support for HB73 regarding the Medical Right to Refuse. This is expected to go to a vote as early as next Tuesday the 22nd. We need to reach out to our legislators to push for a YES vote on this issue. The bill's progress and text can be found here: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb73> Information can be found on the ohioamf.org website: <https://www.ohioamf.org/legislative-action> and on <https://www.medicalright2refuse.com/> . It maintains the individual's absolute right to refuse treatment of any sort and prevents discrimination based on the fact.
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- HB51 the Second Amendment Protection Act is still in house committee. We might think that gun rights are an easy win in this state, but that's far from the truth! The House Bill 51 Committee Activity report from the second hearing in committee on the 7th of March 22 proponents showed up to advocate for SAPA, but between the 4th and 5th hearings (14th of March and the 23rd of May), more than 130 opponents (and only one proponent) showed up to shoot down a constitutional approach to gun rights via the 10th Amendment. Still think that pursuing gun rights is "virtue signaling?" I sure don't! This is a big uphill battle and we need to get involved. If we can't affect the state, we need to pursue this at the township, city, and county level. Link to the legislation and progress is here: <https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/135/hb51>. House Oversight Committee and encourage them to get this to the floor for a vote! <https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/government-oversight>
- I've heard a lot of people in the LPO freaking out about SJR2 that recently passed. Even a demonstration was held to make waves against it. I'd like to hear people's positions on it. I've read the bill and think that there should be a tall barrier to constitutional changes...regardless of what changes we might specifically have in mind. SJR2 is found here as registered: https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_135/resolutions/sjr2/EN/06/sjr2_06_EN?format=pdf

Treasurer

- Our current balance is \$622.22.
- Reminder - we are now taking donations online via Anedot and we currently have three donors supporting our affiliate on a monthly basis. If you believe in what we're doing, please consider making a recurring donation! Every little bit helps.

Secretary

- No report

Other Announcements

- Update on Toms for Lebanon campaign.
- Come get your stickers! If you can donate a couple bucks to help cover the costs, all proceeds go to the affiliate thanks to a generous donation of the stickers last month!

Committee Report:

Marketing Committee

- Taking a more proactive approach on social media this year. I am making a concerted effort on Facebook and Mark is helping on Twitter.

- The website is now red, white and blue - kinda.
- Need to start answering simpler questions about LP and the platform.
- Last ad promoted the sarcastic post about tax day. Reach of 343, 68 post engagements (reactions, comments, shares, clicks, 26 likes/reactions, 6 comments, 8 shares. Was able to invite 13 new people to Like our page this week who don't currently.
- Anyone interested in the marketing committee?
- We have stickers!
- Need to update website - please send pictures!
- Coffee next Friday!

Election Committee

- Jon Mohler provided this link to a spreadsheet show seats that were uncontested two years ago:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qFXQjUFpTk3uvi9P7fhqTKDalb5M4ieusMzn3plicvE/edit?usp=drivesdk> We appreciate Jon's efforts, but now he is moving out of state and we are open to volunteers to work this committee.

Old Business

- Previous proposal for relocation of business meetings was tabled.

New Business

- We discussed how best to gather signatures for initiatives/issues/causes we feel strongly about.
- Planning of future events for greater visibility for the affiliate as well as activism on issues; ie- marijuana/psychedelic decriminalization, 2A, nullification, etc.
- Toms 4 Lebanon campaign is looking for participants to show up, especially physically, to events in Lebanon for greater visibility of the campaign and Warren County LP.. List of events can be found at:
<https://www.lebanonohio.gov/calendar.php?view=month&month=06&day=01&year=2023>
- Jen makes motion to endorse Joshua Toms for his bid for Lebanon City Council. Catherine seconds. Motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm

Joshua motions for adjournment. Jen seconds. Motion carries.