
LPWC Minutes September 13th, 2023

Wednesday, 9.13.2023

Officers

Mark Marasch, *Chair*
Jen Mueller, *Treasurer*
Phil Denton, *Secretary*

Members Present

Catherine Marasch
Scott Mueller

Guests Present

None

Meeting Called to Order at 7:09 pm

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes

Jen makes motion to accept tonight's agenda. Scott seconds. Motion carries

Jen makes motion to accept August 9th minutes. Scott seconds. Motion carries.

Officer Announcements

Chair

- HB51 the Second Amendment Protection Act is still in house committee. There are huge hurdles to overcome on this, given the number of those who opposed this act in committee hearings early this year. We will keep our ears open to see if there's any thought of
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rekindling this and we will do our part to engage, show up, and be heard. Meanwhile, I believe our best efforts are spent on Joshua Toms' campaign to change things at the local level and gain momentum for our affiliate.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb51/committee>

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<https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/government-oversight>

- MOST IMPORTANT: We need to work on local issues and get locals elected to government positions. Joshua Toms is the only member we have running for election right now. He's good on the issues, has some good ideas for what should be done to change Lebanon's City Council, and please get involved to support his efforts ASAP. Volunteer and show up! Petition efforts have already gotten him onto the ballot. Coming events are on our website calendar and in this blog post: <https://warren.lpo.org/toms-campaign-events/>
- LPO is going full-bore on ballot access, again. This is a recipe for wearing out volunteers by pursuing futility and hurting our grassroots movements. We need to build the grassroots and gain some level of critical mass in the state *before* we pursue this. When we have that, gaining ballot access will be a lot easier. Motions can be raised to pursue this topic, but I'm not recommending that we burn our volunteer base on this type of effort.

Treasurer

- Our current balance is \$723.91.
- 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

- None

Other Announcements

- (Mark) Update on Toms for Lebanon campaign. Opportunities to support his campaign by being present, holding signs, and talking to people in the crowd. I've helped Joshua on each of these events, so far, and it's actually been quite fun to interact with people on Mulberry Street during these events. Please commit to helping Joshua out at least once. Here are the coming events:
 - September 15th Third Friday on Mulberry Street in Lebanon
 - October 13th and 14th Oktoberfest in Lebanon
 - October 20th Third Friday on Mulberry Street in Lebanon
- (Phil) 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 a few months back!

Committee Report:

Marketing Committee

- Facebook activity has slowed a bit. 16% less posts than less month but 62% less reach. Will have to rethink my content strategy and post timing. Not being around Issue 1 probably hurts also. Will check progress again next month.
- Need to start answering simpler questions about LP and the platform - anyone good at writing? (Good job on the Issue 1 article, Mark!)
- Anyone interested in the marketing committee?
- We have stickers!
- Need to update website - please send pictures!
- Coffee this Friday the 15th!

Gun Rights Committee

- Mark's LP time has been committed to Joshua's campaign.
- Will pick this up again late in the year, with templates and an approach to make a difference in Warren County on this issue.

Election Committee

- Jon Mohler moved out of state. Please let me know if you'd like to get involved in helping to get libertarians elected to office!

Old Business

- Previous proposal for relocation of business meetings was tabled.

New Business

- Jen moved that we meet at Hidden Valley Orchard next month, pending table/room availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm

- Phil moved to adjourn, Jen seconded. Motion carries.