

## Dec2018-Meeting

Friday, May 3, 2019  
9:04 AM

### Members Present:

Nathan Lane (Co-chair), Anita Rios (co-chair), Logan Martinez, Philena Farley, Joe DeMare, Gwen Marshall, Kevin Fay, Becca Calhoon, Tekla La, Steven Caruso, Tim Bruce, Samuel Richards, Jim Villani, Brett Joseph, Don Rucknagle

### Observers:

Dave Baker, Steven Dodge, Mark Gooding.

### Agenda

- 1) Review meeting process and facilitation (Nathan Lane and Anita Rios)
- 2) Quorum check
- 3) Agenda review and add any additional items
- 4) Approval of previous minutes

### Reports

5) Treasurer Report -1590 bank-(\$1631)

Anita proposed having a meeting in Jan between Philena, Tekla, Becca and Anita. Joe asked to be included in this meeting. It was agreed that this would take place either in person or by conference call.

Philena requested \$39 annually to add encryption \$39 to the website.

This was approved by consensus.

6) Political Director - Has been monitoring the web feed on the election. Did a radio interview to get the word out about us losing party status and how undemocratic this was.

He had talked to Bob Fittrakis about legal recourse and Bob didn't feel that would be viable. Would like to fill the other positions on the working committee, called for volunteers for those positions.

7) Officers Reports (optional) Nathan (co-chair) stressed the need to fill the volunteer coordinator in particular and agreed with Joe's goals for

Anita reported that there have been strife

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8) National Committee delegates-proposal

Philena reiterated the strife, encouraged Ohio representation on committees.

Kevin echoed a call for committees.

9) Other Reports reported Nathan listed all the committees

Wood County GP is working on a plastic bag ban

Lucas county GP worked to get the Lake Erie Bill of Rights on the ballot and this was just approved for a special election in Feb.

### New Business

10) Doing a Statewide mailing (Joe)(Nathan)

A mailing re, loss of status and the Ballot petition and for fundraising, something in Jan or Feb? There are 7600 Oh. Greens,

Logan suggested a targeted mailing so we can track the response and follow up.

Nathan wants to do a mailing also but agrees that a limited mailing combined with other methods of outreach. Nathan suggested targeting the following counties:

Franklin, Hamilton, Cuyahoga, Montgomery, Lucas Mahoning, and Summit counties.

Gwen suggested targeting voters who voted Green at least twice. We had an influx in 2016 we should target them also. Joe suggested a phased mailing and agreed with Logan's suggested targeted mailing as the first phase. This could raise money for subsequent mailings. We already have a list of people who voted in both 2016 and 2018.

Joe made the motion to do a statewide mailing to be developed over the next month or so, he accepted a friendly amendment from Nathan proposed a committee of several members to work on the mailing. A draft of the letter will be circulated to the CC prior to the mailing.

Gwen & Tekla abstained, the proposal passed with zero no votes.

11) Creation of state wide candidate and federal PACS. (Joe) see above

12) Appoint new members to the Oh Central Committee :Dennis Spizak,

Russ Buckbee, Mark Gooding, Howard Markert, and Austin Bashore

There was extensive discussion about the effect of adding people, how this would effect the quorum, and the importance of bringing in new new people. Some members expressed the importance of bringing in new people and validating the commitment people are making to the GP Ohio. Others expressed concern that we need a commitment from new members to be on the calls so that we are not prevented from doing work for lack of quorum.

**Nathan suggested a compromise proposal that we approve the appointment of all the nominees to the State Central Committee but that the appointment be effective once the person joins the call and makes the commitment to attend further meetings. Passed with one no vote.**

Mark Gooding being present was appointed this meeting.

Austin Bashore was seated as the representative of the Lavender Caucus which has the right to make this appointment.

13) Appoint new members to County Committees - none at present

14) Appoint Stephen Caruso to Peace Action committee, Nathan stepped back to allow

Steven to take his place on peace action

15) Appoint Gary Cox to the Ballot Access committee

16) Appoint Brett Joseph to the Ballot Access committee, div com, Outreach

17) Appoint Connie Gadell-Newton to the Dispute Resolution Committee

18) Appoint Philena to the Finance Committee and Media Committee and Outreach Committee

19) Appoint Don R. to the Outreach Committee and International committee

Appoint Kevin to the ANM committee & Animal rights

Appoint Becca to eco-action

All appointments were passed by consensus.

Anita will notify the committee chairs of the above appointments.

Other appointments: Secretary and one alternate delegate. This was tabled for now, until we get official notification of Samuel's resignation as secretary and Jake's resignation as alternate delegate.

### Old Business

20) Car donation, report back from the committee empowered to deal with this.

Tabled this until further outreach to the committee.

Nathan or Anita will follow up with the committee

21)Petitioning for party status ( Nathan)

Nathan reported having done a mailing to all the members of the committee 35 people currently have 5 copies of the petitions, we still need local team leaders, some people have come on board. We will need people to do various tasks including data entry. There was discussion of strategies for circulating the petition including a parallel petition for Universal health care. Joe and Nathan clarified that if we succeed in getting on the ballot we will be able to get our candidates on the ballot with very minimal signatures required but will have a very limited time frame for getting those signatures.

Gwen suggested that we have a back up plan of circulating a petition to get 5000 signatures to get our candidate for president on the ballot as an independent. Nathan implored that all members of the CC join in and help in some way, even if they don't circulate the petitions. It was suggested that we need a flier and that we also collect contact information from the signers. Nathan also shared that the ballot access committee is having bi-weekly conference calls. If anyone wants more about the ballot access effort contact Nathan.

**The following items were tabled:**

**22)Recruiting and running candidates as independents in 2019 and beyond**

**23)Other methods of engaging as a active political force in our communities, local referendums, activist organizations, projects to build awareness of the -Green "Brand" in Ohio counties and communities**

**24)Revitalizing the caucuses**

25)Schedule next meeting **Next meeting scheduled for Sunday Jan. 13 at noon.**

26)adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Anita Rios

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