

**Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County
Central Committee Meeting
6 June 2020**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Joe Dehn, County Chair, at 2:11pm.

There were 30 central committee members in attendance.

The position of Secretary was vacant and nobody present volunteered to take minutes, but the meeting was recorded for preparation of minutes at a later time. There were no minutes of past meetings presented for consideration.

Adoption of the Agenda

Dehn provided an overview of the proposed agenda, including estimates of the time expected for the various sections.

Scott Lieberman moved to amend the agenda to put bylaws proposals immediately after adoption of the agenda, before consideration of minutes; Chris Le seconded. Elizabeth Brierly argued against, because there was a representative of the Jorgensen campaign who would like to be able to give a presentation and should not have to wait until after the bylaws. Dehn said that, if the agenda were to stand as proposed, the Chair's report would be the first thing coming up and he intended to give the Jorgensen campaign part of his time to make their presentation. Lieberman restated his motion to amend the agenda to put presentation from the Jorgensen campaign immediately following adoption of the agenda, then bylaws, then the rest of the items from the proposed agenda; Jim Cannon seconded. The amendment passed.

The agenda as amended was adopted without objection.

Presentation by Jorgensen Campaign

Kevin Moore, volunteer coordinator, presented a list of things people can do to help the campaign, suggested that people join the campaign's Slack, and invited people to contact him for further information.

Elizabeth Brierly, acting publicity director, spoke about media and made a pitch for contributions, specifically mentioning polling and ballot access as in need of funds.

Bylaws Proposals

The Bylaws Committee had provided a report to the January meeting. The Chair presented those proposals in that order, while sharing on the screen a document showing the changes that would result from each proposal.

Proposal 1, relating to opposition to tax/bond measures, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 2, replacing the term "Regional Organization", was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 3, relating to the job of the Membership Chair, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 4, relating to appointment of standing committee members, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 5, relating to local committees, which was misidentified in the original report as applying to Bylaws Article 3 but actually applies to Article 2, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 6, relating to content of newsletters and web sites, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 7, updating section headings, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 8, relating to expression of cardinal numbers, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 9, providing for an assistant treasurer, was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 10, relating to financial procedures, was considered. In discussion, it was agreed to amend, in the proposed Section 3a, second sentence, "such payments" to "cash payments". The proposal as amended was approved with no votes in opposition.

Proposal 11, relating to the definition of central committee membership, was considered. In discussion, it was agreed to amend the first sentence of the second paragraph by inserting a comma after "default definition". The proposal as amended was approved with no votes in opposition.

Officer Reports

Chair: Joe Dehn commented on the opportunity ahead to support our national ticket and any members running for local offices.

Treasurer: Steve Haug reported on internal procedures, considerations relating to filing of campaign finance reports, auditing policies being applied to all third-party committees with activity over a certain amount, suspension of membership renewal letters by the state party in consideration of the pandemic, and an upcoming payment for the post office box. He reported the current balance in all accounts as \$10,164.07, with a year-to-date deficit of expenses over revenue of \$829.12.

Activities Chair: Bob Goodwyn reported that the coffee meetings are continuing online, and that some events at which we would normally have a presence have been postponed. He is seeking feedback on how many people are interested in volunteering, before submitting applications.

Campaigns Chair (vacant): In response to a request by the Chair for comments on the process of becoming a candidate for local office, Brian Holtz (currently on the board of the Purissima Hills Water District) recommended that the best first step is to start attending the meetings of a local board, and start providing libertarian input.

Membership Chair: Chris Le said because of the pandemic there aren't events at which we can use past methods of recruiting, but we could consider paid advertising on platforms like Facebook.

Newsletter Chair: Kennita Watson noted that Dehn has been producing the newsletter. Dehn said that what would be most helpful in producing the newsletter is for other people to submit/collect material, including news, original writings, and calendar items.

Endorsement of Candidates

Bob Goodwyn moved, and Mary Gingell seconded, to endorse Brian Holtz, running for a 4th term on the board of the Purissima Hills Water District. Holtz noted that this district will likely be forced to switch to election by district in future years. The motion was approved without objection.

Steve Haug moved, and Elizabeth Brierly seconded, to endorse Azadeh Weber, running for Saratoga Union School District. The motion was approved without objection.

Elizabeth Brierly moved, and Mary Gingell seconded, to endorse Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen for president and vice president, respectively. The motion was approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36pm.