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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY February 3, 2021

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 3 February 2021 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** Anna Mosashvili

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 6 January and 20 January meetings were approved without objection.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that Chris Luchini and the volunteers he recruited have scanned about 30 boxes of material so far; he will be sending the scanned boxes back to Colorado via a volunteer, who will pick up some more. Luchini is uploading the scans to cloud storage and also has a backup on hard disk.

Nolan Archive: Caryn Ann reported that Joe Bishop-Henchman has not gotten in touch with Joe Buchman yet. Chris Luchini has been in touch with Buchman but apparently is waiting for JBH to approach Buchman before he tries to set up arrangements for scanning the material. Caryn Ann said it is important for this to be sorted out in time for her to make travel arrangements to be in New Mexico to manage the sorting and scanning; she may have to fly to get there and doesn't want to be stuck having to buy tickets at the last minute.

Questions from Tucker Coburn: Caryn Ann asked committee members to confirm that they had received the set of questions from LNC member Tucker Coburn that she had forwarded, and what our reaction was. She said we should plan to respond before the next LNC meeting, likely to be held in June. Joe said that many of the questions seemed reasonable, including some we should want to answer for our own purposes.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the level of real activity appears to be flat. He said that the source of activity from China previously discussed has been identified as the



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"YisouSpider", a web crawler that has been around for a long time but which shows up differently in different kinds of statistical reports; AWStats knows about it so screens out the references, but since unlike many crawlers it executes Javascript content they get counted by Google Analytics. He will try to see if there is some way to screen them out of the Google Analytics numbers. He will continue to make use of and present data from both kinds of reports going forward.

Controversy Regarding "Libertarian Membership Pledge" Article: There was discussion of making a slight change to the wording to hopefully resolve this complaint. Joe said the structure of the page is confusing anyway, and volunteered to clean it up.

Committee Membership: Caryn Ann said that at this point we have interviewed five people, and that none of the other people who had been invited for an interview had responded. Of the five, three have followed up by doing some work on LPedia; the other two have not done any work or even signed up for an account. There was discussion of whether we should take additional steps to push the two to do something, vs. taking the action of the three as an indication of their greater interest. Caryn Ann suggested that committee members review the work done by the three before our next meeting, and that we plan to vote at that meeting, with a brief executive session during that meeting if necessary. She said that there were a large number of responses to her more recent e-mail invitation for volunteers to help with our backlog of uploading work, and that any of the applicants for committee spots that we don't select can be invited to participate in that way.

Video Tapes: There was discussion of what should be done with the VHS videotapes that have been sent to Tara after they have been digitized, given that they will continue to deteriorate and that we don't want to be wasting storage space; she believes that they have been digitized as well as can be done. Ideas for potential disposition included trying to find a university that would take them, trying to find an individual who would take them, and making them available as premiums for fundraising. Caryn Ann also reported that Tara is arranging for the digitized content to be made available online on a pay-for-access basis, as part of fundraising for the 50th anniversary event. We also have a copy of the digitized content, which amounts to about 255GB so far. It was decided to tell Tara that we do not want the tapes sent back to our storage facility; to suggest that she might want to bring them to the 50th anniversary event either for transfer to somebody willing to store them or for use as



a fundraising device; and that if she doesn't do that she shouldn't throw them out yet as we may want to consider other ideas for them.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 17 February 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm Mountain time.