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2021-07 AFFILIATES - Affiliate Rep / Mesa County Report

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Bylaws Article V, Section 1

Per the 2021 Bylaws, the following is the controlling language for my position:

Article V, Section 1. Affiliates

d) Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

e) Affiliates shall make known to the Board the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Member.

Since the June Board meeting, the Mesa County Libertarian Party (MCLP) has remained busy and outward-focused.

Most recently, we sponsored a parade entry for the July 4 city parade. We had a lot of fun doing it, too.

Our volunteers did a great job of decorating the truck. Special thanks to the Ballards, the Gardners, JB Phillips, and others who helped!

We handed out freezer pops, keeping them frozen with dry ice in a cooler strapped to the volunteer (me) until offering them (they were *quite* popular), and also chilled twizzlers.

We had a generator aboard the truck and ran power to a small musical PA system and one of our members (JB Phillips) played some easy rock and sang a few popular songs from the 4x8 trailer you can just see behind the pickup. He was pretty good, too!

Cliff notes for next time:

- 1) It was freakin hot and our axe man was boilin'. Next time, one of those pop-up shelters would have fit just fine on that little trailer.*
- 2) We needed about 3x as many freezer pops and twizzlers -- and this is a small western city. Parade was only ~ 35 entries and took less than thirty minutes for our walkers to cover it (yes, I fell behind a couple of times because some people asked for LP information and started asking questions).*

- 3) *After a while of playing several different songs, our music trailer guy realized one song for the length of the parade was fine -- people at the end weren't going to know what you were playing at the beginning. So just need to get practiced at one song.*
- 4) *Try to get a later spot. We were #3 in line and the front two went WAYYYY too fast. A later spot that would have allowed for more interaction might have been behind the bands (which would stop to perform at each block), or maybe behind the classic cars. Either one would have slowed us to a crawl-- better for schmoozing.*

Photos herein (see end of this report) were taken as we were about to start, just before we lined up.

Other Activities

- 1) **The Third Wednesday Socials** -- will continue for at least the remainder of the summer. Until stated otherwise, they will be held at Old Chicago Pizza and Taproom on North Avenue in Grand Junction. Our guests should remember there are some bargains during Old Chicago's Happy Hour, and it's fine for them to come a bit early for those. The rest of us normally arrive at 6 pm. [Link to the restaurant is here.](#)
- 2) **Drama** - We did have one internal dust-up, a few days before the parade. Two of our Board members had a misunderstanding; and both attempted to quit. A quick in-person meeting was called and held, tempers cooled, the misunderstanding was cleared up, and we went on to a successful **AND **FUN**** parade effort. Just shows the value of meeting face-to-face and hashing things out like rational adults.
- 3) In the works for our upcoming Social later this month (July) will be one of the candidates for Mesa County School Board (District 51).

Observation for July

Q: Why are frogs always so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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