

**Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County
Central Committee Meeting
25 July 2020**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Joe Dehn, County Chair, at 2:13pm.

There were 16 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.

Adoption of the Agenda

Dehn provided an overview of the proposed agenda, including estimates of the time expected for the various sections. Steve Haug asked that time be added following officer reports for discussion of the Jorgensen campaign. The agenda with that change was adopted without opposition.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 6 June 2020 meeting were approved without objection.

Officer Reports

Chair: Joe Dehn commented on the "second sitting" of the national convention, saying he found it very crazy and frustrating but that eventually all the essential business did get done without a schism. He has spent his time since our last meeting doing things like making updates to our membership database, putting out the newsletter, preparing meeting minutes, and helping promote the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign online and by making bumper stickers.

Vice Chair: Mark Hinkle agreed with Joe's overall assessment of the national convention, and added that the convention didn't get to any of the platform proposals. He was interviewed by a TV station about the Laurie Smith (county sheriff) concealed weapons permit controversy.

Treasurer: Steve Haug reviewed items from his written report. He said he is getting all the FPPC forms filed on time. He said that the state organization suspended membership renewal letters because of the pandemic but is now starting them up again and some money has been coming in, which is split between the state and county organizations. He reported the current balance in all accounts as \$10,237.63, with a year-to-date deficit of expenses over revenue of \$755.56, and noted that we are spending much less than last year.

Activities Chair: Bob Goodwyn reported that the coffee meetings are continuing online, and that outdoor outreach activities are still on hold. Joe noted that two parades in which we have regularly participated announced they were having "virtual parades" this year and invited participation in the form of videos; he created and submitted one for the RWB parade but all they seem to have done with it is post it on their Facebook page; he asked for volunteers to help work on one for the Pride parade.

Campaigns Chair (vacant): John Inks said he has been working with anybody who expresses interest in running for office and a couple of people did express interest but none of them followed through. He is also willing to help people interested in getting into appointed offices. Brian Holtz volunteered to review the list of local candidates as of the filing deadline to identify any positions with no candidate.

Fundraising Chair (vacant): Mary Gingell volunteered to fill this position. All members of the Executive Committee being present and waiving notice, they voted 6:0 to appoint her. Mark Hinkle and Ani Das agreed to serve as additional members of this committee.

Membership Chair: Chris Le said because of the pandemic there isn't much happening. He did attend a recent citizenship ceremony, but it lasted about five minutes and there was no opportunity to reach out to the new citizens. Joe suggested this committee could try making use of Facebook to reach people and specifically ask that they become members.

Newsletter Chair: Kennita Watson noted that Dehn has been continuing to produce the newsletter. Dehn again said that other people could help by collecting and submitting material.

Jorgensen Campaign

Steve Haug suggested that we send a message to everyone on our mailing list to find out how many people would be willing to hand out flyers and how many they can distribute. He is willing to get them printed locally but needs to know how many to print, and somebody to keep track of who is distributing them where. Joe mentioned that there is a similar issue with getting signs and bumper stickers distributed. Mark said he would be able to help deliver material since he drives around the county for his work. Joe noted that the presidential campaign still seems to not have a California coordinator.

Endorsements

There was a discussion of a measure in Mountain View concerning parking restrictions. There was some confusion about whether the vote will be to adopt the restrictions or repeal them. Mark Hinkle moved and Mary Gingell seconded to take a position against this measure on the assumption that its effect would be to impose the restrictions, with the proviso that the Executive Committee may rescind this if that turns out to be incorrect. The motion passed 11:1.

John Inks said there is another measure in Mountain View to modify the rent control ordinance. Joe ruled discussion of this out of order because it has not been filed yet with the county and nobody has provided us in any other way with a description of what it would do.

Jim Bertoni moved and Mark Hinkle seconded to take a position in favor of the term limit measure in Los Gatos. The motion passed 10:3.

Jim Bertoni moved to take a position in favor of the measure in Los Gatos to establish a finance commission. The motion passed 6:0.

Mark Hinkle moved and Mary Gingell seconded to take a position against the Santa Clara (city) transient occupancy tax increase. The motion passed without objection.

Mary Gingell moved to take a position in opposition to the Palo Alto Unified School District parcel tax. The motion passed without objection.

Mary Gingell moved and Mark Hinkle seconded to take a position in opposition to the Fremont Union High School District parcel tax. The motion passed without objection.

Mary Gingell moved and Elizabeth Brierly seconded to take a position against Proposition 14. The motion passed without objection.

Mary Gingell moved and Mark Hinkle seconded to take a position against Proposition 15. The motion passed without objection.

Mark Hinkle moved and Elizabeth Brierly seconded to take a position against Proposition 16. The

motion passed without objection.

Bob Goodwyn moved and Elizabeth Brierly seconded to take a position in favor of Proposition 17. The motion passed without objection.

Joe Dehn moved and Bob Goodwyn seconded to take a position in favor of Proposition 18. The motion failed 7:5 (not 2/3).

(There was no motion regarding Proposition 19.)

(There was no motion regarding Proposition 20.)

Mary Gingell moved and Mark Hinkle seconded to take a position in opposition to Proposition 21. The motion passed without objection.

(There was no motion regarding Proposition 22.)

Elizabeth Brierly moved and Mark Hinkle seconded to take a position in opposition to Proposition 23. The motion passed without objection.

Brian Holtz moved and Mary Gingell seconded to take a position in opposition to Proposition 24. The motion passed without objection.

Elizabeth Brierly moved and Mary Gingell seconded to take a position in opposition to Proposition 25. The motion passed without objection.

A summary of the Mountain View rent control amendment measure was shared with the committee. This measure would make several different changes in the existing ordinance and the significance of some of the components was not entirely clear from the summary. John Inks moved and Mary Gingell seconded to take a position in favor of this, with the proviso that the Executive Committee may rescind this position if additional information shows that this was a mistake. The motion passed without objection. (*Note: This measure was subsequently withdrawn by its proponents.*)

There was discussion of a "strong mayor" charter amendment in San Jose that has been approved by the city council but not yet been filed with the county. Elizabeth Brierly moved and Mark Hinkle seconded to take a position against this measure. The motion passed without objection. (*This proposal was never actually filed for the November election.*)

Brian Holtz moved and Mary Gingell seconded to take a position in opposition to the Santa Clara Valley Water District parcel tax extension. The motion passed without objection.

Jorgensen Campaign (continued)

Elizabeth Brierly asked that this topic be reopened as she was not present earlier. Joe Dehn asked her if she knew when we would start getting the referrals of people who signed up for the campaign, as was promised during the nominating convention. Elizabeth said she did not know the mechanics but was sure it would be happening and would look into it. Joe noted that during the previous Jorgensen campaign (for VP, 1996) there was a system that automatically forwarded names from the campaign web site to a contact in each state every day, and he hoped that something similar could be done this year. Elizabeth said that if there is any interest in having Jorgensen or Cohen make an in-person local appearance, e.g., for a rally or fundraiser, they should put in a request soon as many cities are asking for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.