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Minutes From The State Committee Meeting held Saturday, June 28, 2003 by teleconference.
Submitted by LPNY Secretary, Catherine Ruks

Attendees

John Clifton	
Bonnie Scott	Thomas Ruks
Werner Hetzner	Catherine Ruks
Steve Healey	Jim Harris
Chris Garvey	Chris Padgett
Rich Cooper	Aaron Askew

Agenda

Treasury Matters by Werner Hetzner

There is approximately \$25,000 in the treasury.
Warner still needs letter to the bank introducing him as the new treasurer. Bonnie Scott will need help to accomplish this.
Question raised regarding Click & Pledge.
Werner is prepared to take care of the reporting, but hasn't started yet.

New Candidates

Discussion with Aaron Askew (nominations have since been rescinded).
Thomas mentioned that Manhattan Chapter has three candidates running for City Council, Jak Karako, Dan Finley, and Craig Milem.

Green Party Suit/Ballot Access

Chris Garvey has been acting as lawyer in behalf of LPNY, and some concerns were expressed that Chris' work with LPNY could cause problems within his firm. Discussion followed as to whether or not any money should be paid to Chris Garvey's law firm. No decision was made. Many voiced that money paid to the firm would be inappropriate, but reimbursing expenses (to Chris Garvey or to Chris Garvey's firm?) would be acceptable.

Free NY Newsletter

The question was raised about whether or not there would be an issue ready by the end of the month.
Gary Triestman has not contacted Steve Healey.
The legal issues regarding soliciting advertisement for FreeNY were discussed. The question was posed that if Free NY was separated from the LPNY, and run by Gary Treistman would that allow advertisements and would it be a feasible alternative.

Bonnie Scott called for a motion that Gary Treistman receive \$300 over costs and expenses for his work as editor on the upcoming issue of Free NY provided that the issue was ready by July 15, 2003. (Compensation for subsequent issues to be decided at a later date)

Werner Hetzner seconded the motion.

(Steve Healey noted that he was against the motions).

Vote results are as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Bonnie Scott	Catherine Ruks	Chris Garvey
Werner Hetzner	Thomas Ruks	
	Jim Harris	
	Steve Healey	

The motion did not pass.

There was discussion that members would need to see the first issue before payment, if any, could be decided on. Steve Healey mentioned that \$50 should be adequate compensation.

Thomas Ruks moved to add a specific deadline to the motion and reducing the amount to \$50.

Werner seconded but then withdrew and so the addition did not go forward. Thomas then moved to add a deadline of July 15th, 2003. Catherine Ruks seconded the motion and the deadline was included in the wording of Bonnie's motion.

John Clifton called for a discussion on what was expected of the editor.

The committee agreed that editor has control of content.

LP National Matters, by Bonnie Scott

The top 5 items for National are:

1. Getting the budget out of the red.
2. Getting AP current.
3. Getting database in place.
4. Executive Director.
5. Account transition, VAN to QuickBooks.

Discussion regarding ballot access-LP may not have access in all 50 states. Steve Healey mentions that projects like ballot access stand on their own and are not in the top 5.

John Clifton asked if membership is going up or down. Bonnie answered, "All going down".

Jim Harris mentioned that we have gone from 10,000 to 22,000 members (Bonnie interjects that we peaked in 1999), so in the long term we are up.

Functional Organization

The following structure, set forth by John Clifton and to be further developed for our next meeting, was discussed:

Political Director: Chris Garvey was originally considered, but declines this position. Jak Karako was mentioned and considered.

Political strategy: Jim Harris agreed to work on this

Candidate recruit/support: Bonnie Scott agreed to work on this, focusing primarily on support

Petition drives:

Election law knowledge: Jim (Harris or Lesczynski?) for state.

Track of bills, the state legislature:

Communications Director: Thomas has agreed to work on this.

Communications strategy: John Clifton will work on this area.

Media contacts: Rich Cooper has agreed to work on this.

News Releases: Gary Popkin was considered and should be asked if he will work on this.

Website: Bonnie Scott, with the help of Catherine Ruks, has agreed to work on this.

Operations Director:

Affiliated Svcs./County organizing:

Membership:

Convention: Jen Rog and Rob Robinson are already working on this.

Convention

Info is needed from Jen Rog and Rob Robinson – this will be discussed at next meeting.

Fundraising

This will be discussed at next meeting

Miscellaneous Business

Rich Cooper begins a discussion regarding Campaign Committee or PAC. Bonnie suggests that Dave Harnett be contacted – he had PAC and shut it down. Steve Healey says that we don't have anyone who can be dedicated to PAC.

John Clifton questions Rich on whether we should proceed with this. Rich answers that we will need seed money, a treasurer, and an idea on how funds will be distributed. An accounting firm might be needed. John will find out about getting a treasurer or accounting firm.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:30pm