

MINUTES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1976, HELD AT
38 BELLEVUE ROAD, HIGHLAND, N.Y.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 12:30PM. Present were John Deane, Ann Weill, Pete Wilson, Martin E. Nixon, Carl Hastings, Guy Riggs, Dennis Schuman, Serena Stockwell, Sandy Feld (New York), P. Jean Carroll (Mid-Hudson), Mike Kessler (Capital District), Steve Schneider (Nassau-alternate), Virginia Walker (Suffolk).

Corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting were made (adding the names of some seconders to motions).

Pete Wilson delivered the Treasurer's Report: Balance(6/16/76) \$3,657.66, Income \$63.30, Expenses \$718.82, Balance(7/16/76) \$3,002.14. This Report was followed by a discussion of the FLP's finances. It was noted with consternation that expenses are running way ahead of income.

This was followed by a discussion of the petition drive. Carl Hastings will be in charge of paid workers; Bill Lawry will be in charge of unpsid volunteers. The projected budget for the petition drive is \$13,000. Of this, \$10,000 will be for salaries. There was some discussion over the use of paid vs. volunteer workers.

Martin Nixon announced the results of the mail ballot for Vice-Chair:

- Carl Hastings - 35
- Cheryl Blanchette - 1
- Bob Flanzer - 2
- Dan Karlan - 1
- Martin Nixon - 1
- Virginia Walker - 1
- Fran Youngstein - 1
- R.J. Dagon - 1
- None of the above - 1

Carl was declared elected.

It was noted that this created an At-Large vacancy. It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Carroll, that since the membership had already voted for At-Large, that those ballots be referred to for filling the position. (This would have the effect of filling the position with Cheryl Blanchette.)

Schuman protested this action. The Chair ruled him out of order. He appealed the ruling of the Chair. The Chair was upheld on a voice vote. The main motion was approved on a voice vote. Cheryl Blanchette was then seated on the State Committee (she being present).

Various reports were then heard. Sandy Feld on New York County. Steve Schneider on Nassau. Virginia Walker on Suffolk. Ann Weill on New York and Kings Counties (she also reported on demos at the Dem Convention). P. Jean Carroll on Mid-Hudson. Mike Kessler on Capital District. Dennis Schuman on Queens.

Barbara Kessler and Vivian Wadlin were proposed as replacements for Don and Andrea Feder on the slate of FLP Presidential Electors. They were approved on a voice vote.

It was noted that many of the State Committee members are on the slate of electors. The question was raised as to whether candidates can also be on the Committee on Vacancies. Since legal counsel present were not sure on this point, the Chair proposed that 4 or 5 FLP members from the Albany area be authorised to be placed on the petition. This proposal was approved on a voice vote. [Secretary's note: this was checked out later. candidates can be on their own Committee on Vacancies, so the State Committee will be going on the petition after all.]

Sandy Feld reported on plans for a Financial Seminar. This led back into another discussion of fund raising for the FLP - but no decisions were reached.

The Chair mentioned that he had received a phone call from someone (who remained unnamed) regarding the recent annual and special conventions of the New York County FLP. After some discussion, it was moved by Kessler, seconded by Carroll, that anyone having objections should make a presentation at the next meeting of the State Committee. Carroll withdrew her second and the motion was dropped.

After some examination of the calendar it was voted to hold the next State Committee at the FLP office on Sunday, September 19th at 1PM.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Nixon, to authorize a phone ballot among the members of the State Committee in case any formal decisions had to be made before then. The motion passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Weill, seconded by Feld, that there be no smoking in the FLP office unless there were unanimous consent for otherwise by those present in the office at the time. This motion passed: 7-yes, 2-no, 3-abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30PM.