

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF McLENNAN COUNTY (“LPMcLENNAN”)

MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2022 (“Q2”) MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Ryan J. Pase (“R.J.”) called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Current Members

Present:

Denise Bukovan (Secretary), Don Gray, Will Knight, R.J. Pase (Chair), David Reichert, Neill Snider (Vice Chair/Treasurer). R.J. Pase declared this to be a quorum (6) under the current by-laws.

Everyone present (8 in total) introduced themselves.

3. Oaths of Affiliation for New Members

Timothy Joel Rhudy Jr. (“T.J.”) took the oath of affiliation and was warmly welcomed.

4. Treasurer Report

Neill Snider presented the Treasurer’s Report in the form of the current bank statement from Community Bank and Trust. The account balance as of 4/30/22 is \$846.67.

There was discussion regarding bank fees, who is authorized to access the account, and how interested donors (or future memberships) can be made directly and online. These items of business will be looked into by the Chair and Treasurer to be discussed by the CEC and members at a future meeting.

5. Motion to Amend By-Law [proposed on published agenda] - Attendance

R.J. Pase, Chair, moved that Article III. Section D.4 [removal from affiliated membership for more than two consecutive absences] be stricken to prevent absences from preventing any voting participation in the party. Denise Bukovan seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the motion. A main point is that there are only four meetings (at present) per year and affiliation expires and must be renewed every two years, making the issue of attendance fairly moot.

R.J. Pase moved, seconded by Will Knight, to call the question. The motion was approved with 6 in favor and one NOTA.

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6. Motion to Amend By-Law [proposed on published agenda] - Quorum

R.J. Pase moved, seconded by Denise Bukovan, to strike the first sentence of Article III. Section D.4 [defining quorum as 10% of affiliated members or 6 persons, whichever is greater] and revise the section to read as follows:

“A quorum for the conduct of business at any Business Meeting shall be 30% of the entire Voting Affiliate membership, that includes at least (1) County Executive Committee (CEC) officer, to constitute a quorum.”

There was extensive discussion on the motion. The main point is to make it as easy as possible to conduct business, with few limitations, allowing a small membership to function and grow.

Denise Bukovan, seconded by Will Knight, moved to call the question. The motion was approved.

The motion to approve the by-law amendment was approved unanimously.

7. Other Business

R.J. Pase, seconded by David Reichert, moved to create an Anedot account as an official donating mechanism for the county affiliate, linked to the county Party bank account.

There was discussion on the motion. Anedot will facilitate processing of donations and avoiding handling cash, has no or limited fees. Discussion also included a need to review and/or create the affiliate’s business practices, oversight mechanisms, and management of the county affiliate’s website.

Neill Snider, seconded by Will Knight, moved to table the motion until the next meeting to allow more time to gather and present information. The motion was approved unanimously.

R.J. Pase noted that all proposals for agenda items must be submitted to him and Denise well in advance of meetings. This is because, per the by-laws, the meeting notice and agenda must be publicly posted at least 14 days prior to the meeting to allow members and interested persons time for review.

R.J. Pase, seconded by David Reichert, moved to create a 4’ x 2’ LP McLennan banner for meetings and events using \$60 from the County’s bank account. There was discussion regarding what promotional materials the affiliate already owns, where they are, with the past officers offering to gather them up. Also discussed were what materials would best be needed and for what purposes.

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David Reichert, seconded by Don Gray, moved to table the motion until the next meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Public Comment

R.J. Pase opened the floor for other business items.

There was discussion regarding 501(c)3 status.

The logo and colors for the LP McLennan affiliate and the LP Texas colors were discussed. Colors are black, gray and gold. It was suggested that future promotional materials and merchandise include a QR code. Don Gray suggested Rock Ready as a place to obtain such items.

Bank cards, signature cards, and the status of the affiliate's website manager were discussed.

9. Adjournment

Wishing to adjourn without calling for other items so some members could leave for work, R.J. Pase, seconded by Neill Snider, moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m. The motion was approved by 6.

Denise Bukovan noted at the end of the meeting that the current time is the most active time for Waco events and the best time to do tabling to recruit new members. She will look into what events are going on and what is involved with having a table. She will share what she learns as potential volunteer opportunities for members.

Minutes submitted to LP Texas and Libertarians of McLennan County on May 4, 2002.

Denise Bukovan

Denise Bukovan, Secretary