

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 9 August 2008

**Opening:** The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 4:46 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Dave Sten; and Bill Buzzell. It validated that 12 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. The Central Committee rolls consist of 34 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 1 March 2008, 19 May 2008, and 8 July 2008 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by Michael Linder. He closed one Bank of America account and replaced it with a more frugal PNC account. We currently have three bank accounts: regular (BoA), administrative (PNC), and FEC (PNC).

**Chair's Report:** Bob Johnston reports that all eight Congressional candidates are officially on the ballot. We have at least four districts where we are the only non Rep/Dem candidate. He sent out a press release to 25 small papers, but none were picked up yet. Asks us to plan on helping out on Election Day Nov. 4 at the precincts. We also need volunteers for a phone bank. Bob is looking to build our membership after the election. He thanked the Stens for hosting the picnic, and Jim Lark for making the long drive to attend.

**Jim Lark:** mentioned that Sept. 17 is Constitution Day; it is a good opportunity for press releases and candidate activity.

**Lorenzo Gaztañaga (2<sup>nd</sup>):** has been able to make outreach at various events since July 4, including Pride (Annapolis) and Vote the Power (Aberdeen); is working with the Greens.

**Darlene Nicholas (5<sup>th</sup>):** got some good press; had interview in the *Gazette*; filled out political courage test on Vote Smart; was a field marshall at the Revolution March; sending in questionnaire for Calvert Co. LWV; prepared a candidacy newsletter and picnic.

**Gary Hoover, Sr. (6<sup>th</sup>):** doing outreach; met a lot of people, especially at the Hagerstown July 4 fireworks; getting local press; invited to Carroll Co. LWV and National Association of Retired Federal Employees forums. Looks to increase LP exposure in western Md.

**Susan Gaztañaga:** The Baltimore LP is about the only remaining affiliate which is active. It has a number of events which require registration fees, and the treasury is low. Susan raised enough donations to fund the events (\$115).

**Dave Sten:** had been storing LP material for some time and it needs to be redistributed; dispensed outreach material to activists at the picnic.

**Presidential Electors:** The following were voted as Presidential Electors committed to Bob Barr: Robert Glaser, Bob Johnston, Spear Lancaster, Steve Boone, Dave Sten, Susan Gaztañaga, Lorenzo Gaztañaga, Michael Linder, Bill Buzzell, and Donald Nicholas.

**Adjournment:** the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser