

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 5:08 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Robert Johnston III; and Bill Buzzell. It validated that 10 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. The Central Committee rolls consist of 34 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 3 March 2007 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by Michael Linder. A motion proposed by Lorenzo Gaztañaga passed directing the "heavy hitters" from the ballot access contribution drive be telephoned and thanked.

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston reports that Scott Kohlhaas is interested in pursuing 1% Maryland Libertarian registrations after the 2008 election. There currently are about 3600 registered Libertarians. Our membership is at 67, but the treasury is healthy. Bob's main goal for next year is to run a full slate of candidates for Congress in the 2008 election. He believes that the War and Civil Liberties will be our main issues. We have several outreach events coming up: Chesapeake Pride Festival, Essex Day, and the Fells Point Festival. The General Assembly opens the second week of January; there are issues to be involved with.

Constitutional Amendment: In Article V, section 7, A, 3, the second sentence be replaced with the following: "The committee will meet at least 7 days and not more than 90 days before the first day of the annual convention." This refers to the Program Committee; the numbers are presently 40 and 72. The amendment PASSED on a unanimous voice vote.

Obituary: Kitty Atwood passed away on August 3. She was a very active MdLP member in the 1990's. Steve Boone requested a moment of silence in memory of her.

Pledge Dues: Bill Buzzell proposed that 20% (after friendly amendment) of pledge dues be paid quarterly to organized county affiliates. Vote: 6 FOR, 3 AGAINST – motion PASSES.

Announcements: Doug McNeil sent in a request for members to assist with TrueVoteMD.org issues. Lorenzo Gaztañaga continues to work with other alternative parties on common issues; he volunteers to run for Congress in 2008. The Baltimore LP is preparing a raffle for gas cards and/or grocery cards. Spear Lancaster is working on getting the Libertarian name, philosophy, and policies known. Robert Glaser requested articles for the upcoming October *Free? State Libertarian*. The Central Committee thanked Dave and Renee Sten for preparing the picnic.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.