

Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts  
Minutes of the State Committee Meeting  
January 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the State Committee was held via Zoom on the above date, with Chairman David Burnham presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:07. Present were Dave Burnham, Jason Brand, Tom Eddlem, Charlie Larkin and Brian Zakrajesk.

The November minutes were approved. There were no December minutes.

Dave will confer with Brandi about Bob Murphy's fee, if any for the convention.

Charlie let the Committee know John Dixson is willing to make a short speech on his experiences as Selectman in Barre for the convention. This was received enthusiastically. Tom will try to get Aaron Morse, Chairman of the Dighton-Rehobeth Regional School Committee, to come, as well. Stephanie will be asked to use family leverage, as he's her brother-in-law. Charlie will talk to John, and make sure he's a go.

Brian has spoken with Diego at Defend the Guard, and he might not be able to speak.

Charlie mentioned that the Legion has a canteen service available, with soup/salad/sandwiches, at about \$12-15/head. Also, to be certain it is mentioned, the American Legion is **CASH ONLY**, there is an ATM at the hall.

In lieu of a prix fixe admission, the idea of voluntary donations was floated, and was received as a strong possibility, given the bifurcated nature of the convention with the necessity of a morning debate.

A Convention Committee meeting is being set, and will be solidified by e-Mail over the next day or two. Tentatively, we're aiming for Jan. 27 in the late afternoon via Zoom.

Dave would like to entertain a motion to make a banner for future convention use, within a reasonable price. Charlie made the motion, and Jason seconded. Tom proposed a logo, featuring Massachusetts, with Cape Cod as a "strong-arm," created by Tom. The size was settled at 2'x4', or 3'x6', depending on price. Tom will run point on procurement. A blue background, gray state outline, and white lettering, with some gold features.

Some discussion was had on George Phillies' inquiries about activities within ULMA.

Porcfest: we will have a group campsite, as suggested by Dennis Pratt. Tom reminded us it's already set up. Dave has a hotel room, and is willing to split the room.

Candidates: Charlie will try to do a write-in for State Committeeman with postcards.

Returning to the convention, the tentative revised schedule is:

Candidate debate: 10-12  
Lunch: 12-1  
Speakers: 1-2

Business meeting: 3-5

This is very tentative, and will be tabled pending some feedback from Dr. Murphy.

Brian asked about hosting a speaker remotely if he's not able to get Defend the Guard in-person. It is the preference of the Committee that they have someone in person, and that Brian emphasize that in-person is vital for success.

Tom asked if we have a quorum, as he wasn't sure if it was five or six. Tom will consult Roberts'.

The following information was sent by e-Mail to earlier.

From Steph for membership.

Hello Everyone,

I have a prior commitment tonight as I mentioned in Signal Chat.

Here is my update:

I sent an email in december to let people know that their membership was expiring soon and to renew if they wanted to be active members - and that they would need to be active dues paying members in order to participate and vote in the state convention.

In December we had a total of \$250 in dues/donations, partly due to renewals (some recurring) - we have also had some recurring payment cancellations 2 due to financial reasons, 2 due to payment declined. I will reach out to those whose payments were declined to let them know.

I will be sending another email this month to those that have not received it who are set to expire in February.

From Brandi for general update:

Bob Murphy is also confirmed to speak he just wants details, so let me know when we have an itinerary for the convention. If there's anyway to change the meeting day from thurs next month that would be great for me, if not let me know. I could do Mon, Tues and Weds rn.

Tom placed the Treasurer's report in the Zoom chat, but due to my using a phone to get Zoom because Zoom crashes my computer, I asked him to e-Mail me the information. That is below.

January Treasurer's Report

Opening balance: \$2556.66

Closing balance: \$1702.67

Income \$181.20 (member donations)

Expenses: \$1035.19 (\$1,000 hall rental fee for convention, Flo-Desk, monthly bank fee)

The meeting was closed at 8:01 P.M.

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Charles H. Larkin  
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