

**Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts**  
**Minutes of the October 12, 2023 State Committee Meeting**

A regular meeting of the ULMA State Committee was held via Zoom on the above date. Present were Dave Burnham, Chairman, presiding, Charlie Larkin, Steph Pazniokas, Janel Holmes, Brandi Bishop, Brian Zakrajesk, Brodi Elwood and Tom Eddlem.

The meeting opened at 7:07, with Mr. Burnham, Chairman, presiding. The meeting actually began with a discussion of federal accounts, led by Janel, and its ins and outs.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Brandi: Porcfest wanted to clarify what we can or cannot do for sales of goods/services, noting that all purchases must be recorded, along with names, etc. Brandi noted NHLP generally has people sell stuff under their name, and then turn the money over to the Committee. Brodi reminded us the cap is \$500, but there might be some ways around it if we're careful. Janel noted card purchases could be required, but Brandi noted that cash is the order of the day there. Steph suggested using a punch-card or something similar to that, with the order recorded. For example, Joe buys a card for \$30, and you punch the card every time they buy something. Brandi also asked if we wanted to have our own booth or if we're going to sub-let. Brodi reminded Brandi that she and Tom will have final say on that, pending the financial logistics. Steph went over how we can get some extra money to get over the start-up hurdles by targeted e-Mails. A 20x20 tent is about \$800, but between us, we can cobble things together. Stephanie also suggested looking into renting a tent for the week. Dave re-emphasized to Brandi she is empowered to do things, quoting him, "Don't worry about it, do it." Brandi also noted we may need to host an event, and will get clarification on that.

Campaign updates: Janel: Senate race over, has \$1100 for 2024. Will be running for Rep or Senate. State Rep. could be fun because her cousin is running a Republican! We all got a good laugh from this. Janel also has a good reputation with the T&G's State House reporter.

Chase Oliver will be at Dean College in Franklin. Gwen, one of Janel's assistants, will be there. Charlie is also planning on going. Dave noted regarding the Presidential race, Mike ter Maat, Lars Mapstead and Chase have all said they would like to come to the convention.

Convention: Dave. Sign-in 9:00, business meeting 10:00, lunch 12:00-2:00, reconvene at 2:00 for speakers and Presidential debate. We're looking to have the convention in the Waltham/Watertown/Newton/Needham area. Dave noted as a board we should *not* promote anyone specifically. Mike ter Matt will be on Zoom for Massachusetts Nov. 29, and Dave will coordinate this. Tom and Brandi will coordinate.

Dave noted we are also looking for a speaker in addition to Defend the Guard. Janel suggested Harvey Silverglate as a possibility. Brodi will ask around the world of Crimson Academia (i.e., Harvard) and see if he can find someone, and specifically mentioned Dr. Jeffrey Miron, Professor of Economics, or Kerry MacDonald, a noted educated researcher. Janel will try to contact Josh Smith and Brodi will try to contact Michael Rechtenwald (sp.?) Jason will see if Toad is interested.

Janel noted that we need to find people to run for stuff, especially State Rep./Senate, particularly in districts where the incumbents aren't challenged. Dave asked Janel and Steph to get together and put an e-Mail together, as well as physical mailers, using Janel's voter lists.

Tom asked about our meeting for next month, specifically Nov. 9 at 7:00. Brandi noted Thursdays are now difficult for her with work, but 7:00 is manageable. It appears we have settled on the Second Thursday at 7:00 for the remainder of the term.

Convention: Charlie went over the places he's looking at, and noted that right now, the AMVETS in Newton or the Needham Masonic Hall are the two leading contenders. He noted that the 5<sup>th</sup> District Lodge of Instruction will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and is a public program if anyone would like to come to check it out.

Some inquires were made for a second speaker. Brian brought up his idea about inviting other State Representatives or Senators from the other parties to come and do a Q&A in a non-confrontational manner, and hear about some of our ideas and build bridges where we can. After some good-natured ribbing, the idea seemed to have reception, especially if we can get our ideas some traction, even if it's from different sectors.

Charlie will need help stuffing envelopes and a treasurer for State Committeeman. Brain will help stuff envelopes. He is also looking for donations to help defray costs.

Brandi: we need to buy a ticket as a committee in order to get the site. Her preference is Site 61.

H. 4420 (guns) Charlie has a letter for LPWC ready to go, pending approval.

H. 180 (shocks) Jason ended up on TV, hearing pending. Jason will let us know when the hearing is. Jason's rep is co-sponsoring the bill.

Steph: send e-Mail to her for stuff for the newsletter, or get her attention in Signal somehow.

Treasurer report: Beginning \$2,530.83, End: 3,010.53, One new life member at \$500, \$35.19 for Flodesk, and \$15 bank fees.

Motion to close at 8:08 by Charlie, seconded by Tom. The meeting was adjourned.

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Charles H. Larkin  
Secretary

### **Charlie's Cavalcade of Coming Attractions and Events:**

- As noted above, Chase Oliver will be at Dean College in Franklin this Saturday from 1:00-3:00. Dean College is located just north of the center of Franklin, near the junction of Rtes. 126 and 140. A good showing would be very helpful.

- As a reminder, Charlie will be hosting the Gate 40 walk to Dana Common on Sunday, leaving from the parking lot around noon. He will be doing this with another group he's involved with. We generally do a pot-luck after in the parking lot.
- Regarding a possible site inspection at the Needham Masonic Hall on October 24: if you would like to go, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** (did I say please?) let Charlie know *no later than Oct. 19*, so he can inform the Master of the Lodge of Instruction, so he can inform Moses Michael Hayes Lodge, who will be hosting the LOI for the evening, so we have enough for dinner. The speaker will be David Brody, a well-known, and well-regarded author of historical fiction. Dinner is at 6:00, the lecture begins at 7:00. Dinner is usually a \$5.00 donation requested. The menu is always a surprise, so I have no idea what's cookin'. Call Charlie and leave a message on the home answering machine, unless you actually manage to catch him. The lecture is open to everyone, so please feel free to come if you're available.

The hall is located at 1101 Highland Ave., Needham, accessible off either Rt. 128/I-95, using the Highland Ave., Needham exit, or via Rt. 135 if you're using the back roads. The front of the hall is a large brick Dutch Colonial-style house, with the dining room and lodge hall built off the back. Look for Masonic Way, which will be on your left if coming from 135, or your right if coming from 128.

Dress: gentlemen: jacket and tie preferred, or at least shirt and tie. Ladies: as appropriate with those guidelines. Don't worry about any tuxedos you see. The officers are required to wear them.