



Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts was held at 8:00 pm on August 21, 2024 via Zoom. Attendees included Jason Brand (chair), David Burnham (vice chair), Thomas Eddlem (treasurer), Rebecca Lau (secretary), at large members Brodi Elwood, Sean Kennedy, Aaron Morse, Al Ozonoff, James Parent, and Brian Zakrajsek. Guests included Angela McArdle, Libertarian National Committee chair.

Approval of Agenda/Previous Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the July 2024 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Chair's Report

Al Ozonoff appointed to Membership Officer

Aaron Morse confirmed as an At Large

Letter to the Editor sent to Reporter Today Rehoboth in support of the regional school district

Treasurer's Report

State Account

Beginning Balance: \$2,944.28

Donations: \$152.40

Expenditures: \$279.55 (Twitter Blue Check rebate, bank fee, Flodesk)

Ending Balance: \$2,817.13

Federal Account

Beginning Balance: \$20.00

Donations: \$0

Expenditures: \$15.00 (Bank fee)
Ending Balance: \$5.00

Note: Letter for federal account received from Angela McArdle August 12. Will re-file application for federal “state party” status in September.

School Committee Letter

Aaron Morse, member of the Dighton-Rehoboth School Committee, reported there was a letter to the editor regarding actions of the school committee. The letter and its response were taken down due to negative attention. Earlier in the year the school committee passed a policy that allows a female athletes to opt out if there is a male on the other team.

The school committee also passed policies that limit political activity of employees and also makes parents have to opt in to comprehensive sex education.

Defend the Guard

Brian Zakrajsek shared draft language of the Defend the Guard bill. It is based on the West Virginia bill. He recommended that in the second half of October to November, we should shop it out to state representatives. We need one of them to submit it to committee.

Communications

Sean Kennedy reported that he sent an email about the Second Amendment rally to membership. He also reported that our Twitter followers increased by 50% over 3 months, website visits are up 200%, but Facebook is lagging in growth. He asked that people who attend the rally take photos to post on social media.

Joint Fundraising Committee

Jason Brand reported that Robert F. Kennedy may drop of the presidential race. ULMA has until August 28th to join the JFC. He said it feels like free money.

Angela McArdle spoke in favor of the Joint Fundraising Committee with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. She believes that even if RFK Jr drops out of the presidential race, it will stay open. She said it could stay open until 2028 because RFK could roll it over to a future campaign. Additionally, funds can be used to pay campaign debt. They will not be used to support Donald Trump.

Motion 1. Moved by Jason Brand. Seconded by Dave Burnham.

Join the Joint Fundraising Committee as a state party.

Jason Brand – yes
David Burnham – yes
Tom Eddlem – present
Rebecca Lau – no
Brodi Elwood – yes
Sean Kennedy – present
Aaron Morse – yes

Al Ozonoff – present
James Parent – yes
Brian Zakrajsek – yes

The motion passed with 6 yes, 1 no, and 3 abstentions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Rebecca Lau
Secretary

9/18/2024
Date of approval
