

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Starchild, chair

Jeff Yunes, vice chair (left early)

Richard Fast, secretary

Greg Michael, treasurer

Alex Mills, LPSF member

Nomy (Anonymous) (in person)

Guests Present

Chris Minoletti, San Mateo County, LPSF member

Fellow Jitser

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Dakota, Democrat interested in L discussions

I. Call to Order

At 3pm, the 2 present officers (secretary and treasurer) plus Michael Edelstein discussed whether there was quorum to call the meeting to order. The consensus was to wait until 3:10pm for the chair to join the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Starchild via Jitsi and at Alex Mills' residence.

II. Introductions

Starchild: LPSF chair, former candidate for public officer, freedom activist.

Michael Edelstein: “Live and Let Live” peace organization founded on libertarian principles.

Jeff Yunes: LPSF vc, was in UC Berkeley Libertarian club, living in New Hampshire now. Supporting the NH Liberty Alliance which gives a rating of politicians and bills.

Greg Michael: LPSF treasurer, Libertarian since college, lives in Berkeley.

Richard: LPSF secretary, Libertarian since 2011, also helping the Contra Costa LP.

Chris Minoletti: Libertarian for a decade now, operates a wine tasting room, was the state coordinator for the Jo Jorgensen campaign.

ACTIVIST REPORTS:

Starchild: “Freeway bloggers” Maxine and Starchild put up banners by the freeway to promote decriminalize sex work, inspired by the 30-something year anniversary of International Whore’s Day, a day of uprising by French prostitutes against government crackdowns. SB 357 by Scott Weiner (D) would decriminalize loitering for sex workers. KGO radio personality Gene Burns was considering a L run for governor.

Nomy: Suggested “Libertarian bingo” as a way to bring people into the Party.

Starchild: (to Nomy) Is there such a thing? (No one knew.) Asked for other Activist reports.

Richard: Went to Contra Costa LP meeting earlier this week. Concerned about the Mises Caucus take over because it will re-brand the Party on only economic issues, ignore the social issues, and skew the Party too far to the right, making it indistinguishable from the GOP.

Starchild: Let’s save the Mises take over discussion for later in the meeting.

Nomy: Chesa Boudin (SF District Attorney, Democrat) problems, not prosecuting the corruption in City politics. Newsom recall wants people to knock doors and to independents. Rumors that State Assemblymember Kevin Kiley (R-Sacramento) might run for governor, has sued Newsom several times, is head of the anti-lockdown movement.

Starchild: Will look for a crypto currency speaker for the next meeting. Several other announcements: 1) Juneteenth, June 19 celebration. Getting more attention. LPC organizing protests and events with this theme. Camino, CA, east of Sacramento, winery to host a mask-burning event, expecting several hundred people. 2) Aug. 27- 50 year anniversary of the national LP in Aurora, Colorado boat house. LP.org has the event info. 3) July 11 in Alpine, Utah, Elizabeth Nolan is donating David's books and records.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Absent an official agenda, Richard asked Starchild if he had seen the template agenda posted in the Jitsi group chat. Starchild said that he had, but decided to go ahead without a formal agenda.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Richard asked about approving the minutes from the May meeting, which he didn't attend. Starchild said he didn't know who took the notes at that meeting, that it might have been him, but he didn't think it was a priority. No one else spoke up.

V. Officer Reports

a) Chair

No report.

b) VC

Not present (left early as it was dinner time in New Hampshire).

c) Secretary

Richard had e-mailed the executive committee all of the previous minutes for the past year or so (all of the minutes taken during his tenure as secretary). Starchild suggested those should be sent to the Activist list as well. Richard said he probably needs to be added back to the Activist list. Jeff, who handles most of the tech needs, would be the best person to help get that sorted out (he left the meeting early).

d) Treasurer

\$11,560.59 current balance. No refunds in the past month.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) if anything

Nothing.

VII. New Business

a) if anything

Nothing.

VIII. Good of the Order

There was some discussion of the Mises Caucus take over. Starchild introduced the topic by explaining that the caucus is fairly new to the Party (around for a few years and growing fast), however it is becoming more influential. Richard Fast said he was concerned for two reasons: 1) the caucus is focused almost entirely on economic issues to the point of ignoring social issues, which is a false representation of the Party, and if they succeed, they will skew the Party too far to the right, and 2) the tactics of the caucus are shady because they are known to bus in people to conventions for the sole purpose of manipulating the vote in favor of their candidates and bylaws/platform changes. In many cases, the people being bused in are very new to the Party, have never been to any previous meetings, and

are enacting an outside agenda. Michael Edelstein said he was a member of the caucus and didn't see or know of any problem. Starchild asked for specific instances of the busing situation. Richard cited the recent Pennsylvania convention and, to a lesser extent, California's convention, as the most recent examples of possible foul play on behalf of the caucus. Starchild said he wasn't knowledgeable enough to continue the discussion but would be interested in learning more. Nomy said this was news to her as well. Michael Edelstein asked Richard to send articles about the situation. Richard said he would follow up with that.

There was a free flow of discussion and on the topic of vaccinations against Covid-19, Starchild pointed out the irony of many on the left being "my body, my choice" on abortion but not on vaccinations, with many lefties supporting mandatory vaccinations. Nomy asked Starchild if he was against abortion. Starchild said he didn't want to start a discussion on abortion, but that he agreed with the position of the National platform, that it is not the government's role to make that decision.

As there was no further discussion on LP matters, Starchild took the opportunity to ask guest Dakota what brought him to the LPSF meeting. Dakota explained that while he was a Democrat, he was doing some research on other parties in the state. He said that while in his party it was mostly an echo chamber and praising the leaders and that political connections are primarily shallow and out of convenience, it was refreshing to see authentic differences of opinion being aired and discussion taking place.

IX. Set Next Meeting Date

The second Saturday of July at 3pm via Jitsi and at Alex Mills' residence in SF.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Okay, thanks both of you for stopping by!

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Greg Michael

Richard, the LPSF's total funds as of June 12, 2021 is \$11,560.59

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Great, thank you.

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