

Libertarian Party of San Francisco
Regular Meeting
August 2021

ATTENDANCE

Starchild, chair
Jeff Yunes, vice chair
Richard Fast, secretary
Greg Michael, treasurer
Michael Edelstein, LPSF member

GUESTS PRESENT

Max, recently moved to SF
Eric, guest
John, guest
Tyler Ashwin, guest (possible saboteur?)

Meeting started at 5:12pm.

The meeting started with introductions.

Activist Reports

Starchild: Circulated petitions to recall 3 members of the SF school board, trying to gather signatures. 3 different petitions. Need to be a SF registered voter in order to sign. Talked to Kevin Moore will be coming to SF tomorrow bringing Jeff Hewitt for Governor yard signs.

Edelstein: Could Hewitt speak to the SF affiliate?

Starchild: Contact the campaign and ask. Hewitt is a very busy, holding many hats in the Party.

Starchild: Woke up by a truck with a loud generator hosing off sidewalk by where he lives shortly before 6am. Too much noise and waste of water. Possible hassling of the homeless. Castro Community Benefit District emblem on the truck; quasi-government organization that picks up the slack that government can't provide. All property owners have to pay a fee whether they want the services or not. Stack of papers that explain this operation is legal. Came back around 8:30am. Starchild able to capture the noise this time, but there was a police vehicle this time. Starchild believes this operation was to hassle the homeless; the sidewalks in this case was not dirty, unlike many of the other streets in the City.

Edelstein: Thanks for doing that. Was the sidewalk dirty?

Starchild: No, even though the truck operator claimed that's what he was doing, despite the fact that California is in a drought. His supervisor was screaming at Starchild, telling him to get away from her, despite the fact she was walking toward him at time.

Jeff: Convincing people to move to NH for the Free State Project. Joined several libertarian groups, including a crypto group with miners and developers might have to report info to the IRS which they wouldn't have. National legislation. Party activists called their senators to protest. Compromise proposals, amendments floated; one was terrible, another was really popular. Lobbying that supported the second amendment. A third amendment was a compromise of the first two. Senator Shelby from Alabama objected, which ruined the unanimous requirement needed to pass it.

Starchild: NLPC.org has the contact info.

Jeff: Interview with Justin Amash, one of the most effective ways to get to them. E-mail gets thrown out, but voice mails do get tallied and responses. May have helped influence the Biden Administration in opposing a bad amendment.

Max: Can help Starchild with video editing. Starchild can e-mail him to connect on this project.

Jeff: Apple revealed to put surveillance software on all phones. GitHub is fb for developers, signed a letter blaming Apple for pushing this software no way to prevent censorship of all types of information. Apple fought the gov and FBI from using this surveillance software, but now they're doing it of their own accord. A change of culture at Apple since the passing of Steve Jobs, who had a libertarian streak on privacy issues. The culture has changed at Apple.

Starchild: Managed to get a new Apple laptop without giving private info, but not easy.

Jeff: Data security model is better than Android or Google, but changing to worse. Are they pressured by the federal government or is it an internal culture shift? At this point, it doesn't matter. If they reverse course, that'd be ok but now looking for other alternatives. Community standards that prohibit any nudity and falling to pressure from China.

Starchild: I don't generally take photos from my phone [for that reason].

Eric, guest, joined the meeting. Electronic screeching and humming sounds.

Starchild: Propose to not have anything specific on the agenda, or guest speaker. SF civil asset forfeiture, "policing for private" since courts get a share of the seized assets, go after poor people who don't have the resources or knowledge of how to fight back.

Tyler Ahswin, guest, kicked Starchild out of the meeting.

Tyler: Someone hijacked my account and couldn't join the meeting.

John Hopper, guest, joined the meeting.

John: An alcoholic, sober for 83 days, and wanted to tell people.

Starchild: Can you tell us how you joined the meeting?

Jeff kicked out an obstructionist.

Greg: Trying to moderate who is in the meeting.

Starchild: Is there a way to let people in but put them on mute? They can access the chat but not speak.

Richard: Attended Ranked Choice

Starchild: SF has RCV. It hasn't really helped third parties as much as he hoped, but better than the previous voting methods.

Starchild: Special session on police on civil asset forfeiture on May 5. Starchild not at the meeting but watched the video where good info was shared. Come up with questions to ask the police commissioner. How can we share someone's screen to watch the 45 minute video then brainstorm questions or comments to give SF police. "Share video" function on Jitsi.

Jiff: Third icon on the bottom to share screen.

Greg: Can you put the video link in the chat in case we get disconnected? [Attendees were getting periodically kicked off, either accidentally or from guest sabotage.]

Difficulty in sharing Starchild's screen with the group.

Jeff: Hit "share screen" and then window pop up for which screen to share.

Starchild: Might have to share on a new window.

Greg: Cntl Apple N

Jeff: Command N

Greg: I might be able to do it on mine.

Starchild: Can't access Jitsi window and the video window at the same time. Hold on.

Technical difficulties continued for 5 minutes.

Greg: Not wearing headphones so shouldn't be a problem. Audio, but very soft. Turned up all the way.

Starchild: I can't hear anything.

Greg: Audio, but very soft.

Jeff: Maybe I can share my screen with the video.

Ambulance noises in the background.

Jeff got kicked off Jitsi.

Richard: Is this a Jitsi technical problem or are we still being sabotaged?

Starchild: I think this is just a matter of

Jeff came back on, started sharing and playing the video, but then kept getting kicked off, but only when he was playing the video.

Jeff: I can work with Starchild and Greg to fix this for next time. Starchild, OS might be preventing other apps to allow video screen sharing.

Greg: I'm trying to download the video and show it that way, but it's taking forever to download. I don't think that's usable [for today's meeting].

Jeff: We could watch it on our own and then brainstorm questions at the next meeting.

Jeff kicked off again, came back.

Jeff: Table it, fix the problems, and watch it next time.

Starchild: I have no idea how to fix what's wrong on my end.

Greg: At this point, we don't have enough time to watch the whole thing, unless we extend time.

Richard: I think a more productive use of our time to watch it independently and then discuss via e-mail. For now, we're probably better off discussing other impor

Starchild: 1) Questions, things we don't understand. 2) Things we want to get them to change. Assets are being taken primarily in the context of the War on Drugs.

Greg: Classic example: police seize your car that has drugs in it, and you have to sue to get your car back.

Starchild: Jeff share audio, Greg share video. Would that work?

Jeff: I don't think so, the synchronizing would be hard. I keep getting kicked off.

Richard: Identify what San Franciscans care about and address them.

Jeff: Link on sf forum sign up sheet, prioritize issues and activism that can address what San Franciscans care about.

Starchild: Anybody can do that on their own. What can we do as a group is a more productive end? Chalking on sidewalks, attending meetings, outreach tabling. I think you have to be an SF resident to circulate petitions, but anyone can help. Cross-post on social media. Let people know where you're posting activist opportunities. Reader comments on news articles, liking Starchild's comments, interested in more local forums. @SanFranciscoLP Twitter handle. Sharing and supporting social media activism.

312 followers on LPSF Twitter

7 new notifications

Retweet from Reason on immigration

Starchild: Alex Mills hosting anti-vaxx rallies, announcements forthcoming. 8/27 at 12pm city hall, rally to support front line workers against mandatory vaccination. Requirement for all teachers to get vaxxed or get tested every week. 8/29 Golden Gate Welcome Center worldwide rally for freedom. Not necessarily LP events, but of interest to libertarians. Body freedom, choice to wear masks or not.

Richard moved to extend time for 5 minutes. No objection. 7:09pm new end time.

Starchild: thin v. thick libertarianism.

Greg: Digital cards that allow private businesses to discriminate between vaxxed clients and non-vaxxed clients.

Starchild: Is there a way to get the vaccine anonymously? If so, potentially interested. Should be able to get the vaccine without giving their private information. If not, then that shows that the gov really doesn't care about mass vaccination as much as they claim.

