

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

January 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

SF Public Library and Jitsi

Attendance

Starchild, chair

Richard Winger

Jawj Greenwald

Richard Fast

Absent

the outgoing vice-chair

the outgoing secretary

the outgoing treasurer

Guests Present

Rebecca Lau

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Starchild called the meeting to order on January 14th, 2024, at 3:05pm at the 3rd floor Palley conference room at the SF Public Library and online via Jitsi video conference.

I. Introductions

Skipped; those present knew each other.

II. Activist Reports

Starchild, Terry Floyd, Richard Fast and Richard Winger are carpooling to the state convention in Costa Mesa, Feb 23-25. Starchild might be going to Las Vegas for a freedom event beforehand. Richard Fast encouraged all those present to attend the state convention and mentioned RFK Jr. (Independent) will be participating in the LPCA Presidential Debate.

There will be seven ballot measures on the March 5th 2024, SF primary ballot, in addition to President and Gail Lightfoot (L) for U.S. Senate. There will be a write-in option, but the deadline for candidates to register as write-in has likely passed, meaning write-ins will likely not be included as part of the official vote tally. All write-ins may be lumped together as "Other" with no distinction as to the individual candidates written in.

There was discussion that the LPCA chair doesn't have the authority to disaffiliate LPSF unilaterally. There doesn't seem to be any state ExComm action on the LPSF's status deeming it inactive, which by default means LPSF is active. Mr. Malagon said the LPCA isn't sending LPSF any dues until the LPSF has proper officers, which is on the agenda for today's meeting. Starchild maintains LPSF has plenty of funds in the meantime.

Richard Winger has been in contact with David Shoen, attorney, to sue the State of California with regard to the Top Two system. Mr. Winger has been trying to converse with Mr. Malagon about getting LPCA to sign on with Greens, Peace and Freedom, other small parties, but to no avail. Mr. Winger will attend the next LPCA ExComm meeting and speak on this issue during public comment.

The State Bylaws meeting is one week from today to consider Aaron Starr's proposal that the county affiliates have their own policies re: membership. Starchild spoke in support of the proposal.

The consensus among LPSF members present was that \$900 for a table the whole state convention was too high and counter-productive to the mission of LPCA.

III. Officer Reports (if any)

Starchild gave the chair's report during Activist Reports (above). The other LPSF officers were absent.

Terry Nicum, outgoing LPSF treasurer brought on by Greg Michael and Jeff Yunes, and Aaron Cuddy (sp?), are both not properly LPCA registered, which could cause an issue if either are interested in becoming LPSF treasurer again.

Max Cranley, former LPSF treasurer (relocated to Texas), and Starchild recommend ignoring the California Secretary of State saying an LPSF PAC owes them money. Richard Fast disagreed. Starchild noted that the PAC is a separate entity from LPSF; thus, LPSF is not legally responsible for the PAC but that the SoS might not recognize the distinction.

IV. Officer Elections

A) Chair

Nominations: Starchild unopposed (with NOTA as the default)

B) VC

Nominations: Jawj Greenwald unopposed (with NOTA as the default)

C) Secretary

Nominations: Richard Fast unopposed (with NOTA as the default)

D) Treasurer

Nominations: none (NOTA as the default)

Richard Winger moved to elect Starchild for Chair, Jawj Greenwald for Vice Chair, and Richard Fast for Secretary [as a slate]. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Starchild will take on Treasurer duties until the position is filled, hopefully at the next monthly meeting in February.

V. Ballot Measure Recommendations

Discussion ensued on the ballot measures.

Measure A – Affordable Housing Bond – Voted unanimously No.

Measure B – Police Staffing – 2 No, 1 Abstain. No.

Measure C – Real Estate Transfer Tax Exemption – Yes.

Measure D - Ethics Position. No position.

Measure E – Police Policies and Procedures - Voted unanimously No.

Measure F – Drug Screening for Welfare Recipients – Voted unanimously No.

Measure G – Mandate Algebra I for 8th Grade – No. (A "soft no" since there was some indecision.)

Starchild noted that one of the SF Board of Supervisors authors of Measure G is a potential LPSF ally and that supporting this measure of his would help toward asking for a favor of him in return at a later date. Starchild, Marcy Berry, and Jawj Greenwald had petitioned signatures on this Supervisor's behalf in the past and he is probably the most libertarian-leaning on the Board.

VI. Good of the Order

Skipped; the meeting had reached its adjournment time of 5pm.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.

The next meeting will be the second Saturday of February from 3-5pm in the 3rd floor Pally conference room at SF Public Library and online via Jitsi video conference (link forthcoming).