

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
June 2020 Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Starchild, chair
Jeff Yunes, vice chair
Richard Fast, secretary
Gregory Michael, treasurer
Alex Mills, LPSF member
Kevin Moore, LP Contra Costa chair (left early)
Phil Bertz, LPSF member (came late)

GUESTS PRESENT

Petra de Jesus (not voting) (left early)
Nomenclature Flexibility (not voting)
Rebecca Lau (not voting) (came late)

With 5 members present and the chair running late, the secretary assumed the gavel and called the meeting to order at 3:18pm.

1. Introductions (5 min.)

The officers and members present introduced themselves.

2. Reports (10 min.)

- Chair's report: National convention for POTUS candidate: Jo Jorgensen. 2 inquiries of LPSF. 2 media appearances: one with Nikolas Wildstar, second with "Wild Fire" show. Attended LP Santa Clara, Contra Costa meetings.
- Vice-Chair's report: (none)
- Secretary's report: Richard Fast motioned to approve March and May 2020 minutes. Jeff Yunes seconded. Starchild objected, saying that he would prefer to read them first and apologizing for not having done so earlier. [In hindsight, because the motion had been seconded, it should be gone to a vote but that did not happen.]
- Treasurer's report: (none)
- Web & social media reports: (none)

3. Activism sharing (15 min.)

Starchild: participated in anti-police protests.

Alex Mills: online activism.

Richard Fast: e-mailed mayor of Richmond to thank him for his motion to defund the police and also e-mailed city councilmembers on the fence to please support it.

Jeff Yunes: supporting protests, reminding folks that L's support ending qualified immunity. "Generations for Liberty" off-shoot of SFL.

Gregory Michael: challenging Gov. Newsom, setback in Supreme Court re: religious freedom during Covid shutdown, churches open at 25% capacity.

4. Election of vice chair, treasurer (5 min.)

Richard Fast nominated Jeff Yunes for vice chair. Alex Mills expressed interest in the position, but withdrew. With no objection, Jeff Yunes was elected.

Richard Fast nominated Gregory Michael for treasurer. No other nominations. No objection. Elected.

5. Guest speaker: Petra DeJesus, San Francisco Police Commission (30 min.)

With police abuse all over the news in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the protests around the United States and worldwide that followed, we'll hear from the most pro-reform member of the body that oversees the San Francisco Police Department.

Started Jan 2006. File charges against police officers. Change the culture of police department through new policy and new leadership. 5 member commission appointed by mayor until 2005. Office of Citizen Complaint. Police union and chief would ignore OCC. Nowadays, change from 5 to 7 members; mayor nominate four and board of super nominate three. La Raza, public defender, to get Latino representation. De-escalation tactics. 24/7 mental health units needed. Carve out areas to give to the community.

6. Jorgensen campaign – National volunteer coordinator Kevin Moore, possible action to purchase campaign materials (15 min.)

Kevin left right after the previous speaker, but said he would e-mail Starchild information on the campaign.

Richard Fast motioned to allocate up to \$500 for Jo Jorgensen campaign materials to be used locally. Jeff Yunes seconded. No objection. Passed unanimously.

7. Reimbursements of web hosting and Meetup costs (5 min.)

Richard Fast motion to extend time until 5:20pm. Jeff Yunes seconded. No objection. Passed unanimously.

Jeff Yunes motion to reimburse Starchild and Nick Smith for full cost of web hosting and Meetup costs. Phil Bertz seconded. No objection. Passed unanimously.

8. Motion to rescind recommendation of John Dennis (10 min.)

Richard Fast motioned to rescind recommendation of Republican John Dennis. Jeff Yunes seconded. Starchild objected. The vote was 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

During the debate of the above motion, Richard Fast motioned to extend time by 15 minutes. Gregory Michael seconded. No objection. Passed unanimously.

Phil Bertz motioned to extend time by 20 minutes, 6pm. Richard Fast seconded. No objection. Passed.

Phil Bertz motioned, Jeff Yunes seconded, to make clear rescinding John Dennis' recommendation was procedural, not substantive. Richard Fast objected, saying that one of the reasons he moved to rescind the recommendation was substantive, citing Dennis' position on immigration and homelessness, which stand in contrast with the state and national platform, and that by saying the rescinding was procedural only would not be an accurate account of the reasons.

Richard Fast motioned to table the discussion of whether a public statement on the rescinded recommendation should mention the reason was procedural, not substantive. Phil Bertz seconded. No objection. Passed unanimously.

9. Vote of no confidence in the chair (10 min.)

Richard Fast motioned to hold a vote of no confidence in the chair, citing a lack of leadership coupled with disregard and willful violation of county and state bylaws. Rebecca Lau, while no longer a member, expressed her support for the motion, saying that the chair has failed to bring in new members. Phil Bertz spoke in defense of the chair, saying that Starchild is a dedicated activist for liberty. Richard Fast responded by saying the issue at stake is not Starchild's dedication (which is amazing and we are grateful), but rather poor leadership. Motion failed for lack of a second.

10. Discussion of online platforms (10 min.)

Richard Fast recommended switching back to Zoom to give folks time to get used to Jitsi. Jeff Yunes said Zoom has certain limitations, such as 45min ending time on the free version. Richard suggested conference call as that is the easiest and most accessible to the greatest number of people. Starchild said the conversation can continue via the LPSF Discuss group.

Thought-provoking closing quote:

“A person who becomes a police officer enjoys the authority.”