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LfM Launches Candidate Recruitment Drive

At its August meeting, the Liberty for Massachusetts State Organizing Committee unanimously passed a motion by Carol McMahon:

An intermediate term objective for Liberty for Massachusetts should be recruiting 81 candidates for State Representative, so that there are libertarian candidates for a majority of all seats in the lower house of the state legislature.

It was agreed that this objective was not targeted to be reached in the 2006 election cycle, but that it was to be reached over six to eight years.

The issues raised by the debate: If we find two candidates in the same district, there are two choices: they can both run for State Representa-

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End the War On Iraq! Rally Is Big Success

Libertarian volunteers from across Massachusetts converged on scenic Amherst, Massachusetts for a rally against the War on Iraq. Gathering under a gray sky that occasionally tried to rain, a reasonable estimate of total attendance was 50-100. Speakers included Bob Underwood, Terry Franklin, Russell Chernin of the Worcester County ACLU, and George Phillie. We had light jazz from Doug Hewitt and Terry Rousso, classical tap dancer Stephanie, poet/singer Arjuna Greist, and the one and only performance poet Norm.

Libertarian volunteers responsible for the success of the event include: Site arrangements were made by Shirley and Bob Underwood, who made multiple trips to the Amherst Town Hall. Shirley

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The LNC Fiscal Challenge

I have spent the time with the LPUS FEC reports needed to examine fundraising by the LNC over the past decade. The numbers are staggering. Looking backward from the present to 1996, fundraising has collapsed. August was the worst month in a decade. Donations are running far below donations in any previous period, going back to the days when the LNC was headquartered in the more unfortunate parts of DC.

For March and April, the Annual Report brought in an extra \$120,000 or so. Other than those two months, income since Election Day has run slightly above \$100,000 per month. I shall not consider whether the Iraq Exit Strategy has taken a small or large chunk out of donations, but the December 2004 donations already show serious deterioration, and changes in recent months are in the negative direction.

It is unapparent that the LNC can persist along this path, and continue to function for any period of time, even though spending has dropped a great deal. We have not yet encountered the financial pressures associated with eliminating dues, and already we have appreciable stress on the Treasury.

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Massachusetts Libertarian News

October

22 Liberty for Massachusetts Board Meeting (2PM) Libertarian Social (4PM) at the home of George Phillie, 87-6 Park Avenue, Worcester MA 01605

25 Lowell Area Liberty Association (8PM) at the Outback Restaurant, immediately off the Lowell North Connector, Lowell MA

November

10 PVLA Monthly Meeting, Hu Ke Lau Restaurant at Mass Pike Exit 5, Chicopee

19 WCLA Meeting, Tweed's Restaurant, Grove Street, Worcester

Web Sites Covering Libertarian Candidates

jimcondit.org billhees.org Wmlp.org/candidates/Underwood_Robert_Spring_counc_en.htm

Possible Candidate News

Former long-term LPMA State Treasurer Walter Ziobro has indicated that he may run for Secretary of the Commonwealth in 2006. The focus of his campaign may well be state laws on political parties. He is looking for people willing to support his objectives.

Rob Power is organizing a new Cambridge libertarian group, Drinking Freely, modeled after the highly successful Democratic Party group Drinking Liberally. See <http://drinkingfreely.com> for data.

Liberty for Massachusetts now live at <http://www.LibertyForMassachusetts.org> and com

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and Nicole Underwood provided American Sign Language translation of the speeches. Terry Franklin found and scheduled the musical and performance grounds. Philip Reed and Frank Muscolo provided volunteer support. Making their debut at the event were the new PVLA stage, designed and built by Bob Underwood, and the new PVLA PA system supplied by George Phillies. The PVLA tent and publicity paraphernalia were out in force. Liberty for Massachusetts supplied antiwar trifolds, advertising fliers, and trifolds on the war on pot and gay marriage issues. Terry Franklin did a massive leafleting of local universities and coffee houses. George Phillies did the press release to local newspaper and television stations, and to college Libertarian groups and college newspapers across New England. Phillies also handled the site electrical power and tent inspection. Total expenses were approximately \$400, including 500 fliers provided by Terry Franklin, 500 trifolds supplied by Liberty for Massachusetts, and over \$300 in equipment and supplies provided by Liberty for Massachusetts.

There was substantial television coverage to air at a future date. The emphasis of the coverage was on the speakers and poets. The Liberty for Massachusetts banner should have been clearly visible over the jazz groups; camera angle did not favor other banners. Volunteers were extremely effective at handing out LfM literature to passersby.

We shared the Common--the other people were at the far end with an art show, which had a fairly dead day for passerby traffic. The weather was just a bit too threatening.

Rats Swim to Sinking Ships

Tom Cox of Oregon, who most recently ran for Governor in Oregon as a Libertarian, has joined the Republican Party. According to often-reliable sources, Cox supported the War On Iraq, opposed drug legalization, and in some sense encouraged funding of public schools. In 2004 Scott Bludorn ran for Illinois state house as a Libertarian. He receiving 8% of the vote last November. In January he switched his registration to Republican. In 2006 he will run for state legislature again, as a Republican in a probably-contested Republican primary.

John Featherman, who was the 2000 LP of Pennsylvania candidate for US Senate, has changed parties. He will run for US Senate in the 2006 primary against incumbent Republican Senator Richard Santorum. LP Kansas Vice Chair Dennis Hawver changed parties to run for Governor as a Republican. He has now ceased to be Vice Chair. In 2002, he was the LPKS candidate for governor, finishing 4th with 7936 votes.

2004 LP Florida Congressional candidate Frank Gonzales, who ran against Republican incumbent Lincoln Diaz-Balart, has become a Democrat. Running on a \$12,000 budget, he received 27% of the vote in a two-way race. He will run for Congress again next year in the same District, with his new party.

Congressional candidate Libertarian Kevin Anderson, who in 2004 ran as a Libertarian in the Texas 4th, will in 2006 run as a Democrat. We gather that the Democrats have no other probable candidates in this heavily Republican district.

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tive, in which case we are certain of having debates. Alternatively, one of the two candidates could run for State Senator or some higher office. Having debates is very good. On the other hand, it is not credible for a husband and wife to run against each other for the same office.

As Tip O'Neil explained, the Democrats took control of the State House in 1948 by running candidates for every single position that could be found. Each candidate brought their friends and supporters to the polls, and each of these friends and supporters tended to vote for all of the other candidates of the same party.

The proposed recruitment scheme was to begin with a trifold mailed as a postcard to a large number of known or suspected activists. The mailing is not enough. There needs to be further contact. To get people to run, you need to have interactive conversation, provide motivation, and offer them substantive support.

One part of the support is a clear statement explaining to people all the key dates and deadlines. This begins by the date or dates on which you must be registered in the party in which you intend to run, the dates on which nominating papers are available, and the dates on which nominating papers are due.

A substantial approach to recruiting candidates is to have a series of meetings around the state for potential candidates. Liberty for Massachusetts would develop a presentation for these candidates explaining what needs to be done to run. A map showing all State Representative and State Senate districts would usefully be on hand so that candidates in complicated geographic areas could for sure see where their districts were. It would be entirely possible to pick up the nominating papers for these persons and have them printed, with their names and other data already in place, so that the candidates could begin collecting signatures immediately.

Meetings would reasonably include western, central, and eastern Massachusetts. Places that might be used as meeting locations would include PVLA meetings, the Worcester meeting at its usual location, Lowell at a LALA meeting, a Cambridge meeting at their restaurant or at a large apartment, or perhaps Waltham at the library. The call for candidates, and support materials discussed below, could be deployed in a manner useful to many candidates via the use of the libertarian wiki pages.

Physical support that we could coordinate would include bulk ordering of lawn signs, trifolds, hangers, palm cards, or other items, using a common color scheme and plan with plate changes between candidates. We could also make available a matrix for candidate web sites. Liberty for Massachusetts is not

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a political party or designation, and does not raise money for candidates.

We can raise money to support our recruiting effort but not to support candidates. However, the Liberty Tree PAC can raise \$500 per candidate, which is more support than has recently been given. Also we could recruit persons who will commit to making individual donations to candidates who have organized in a proper way. It is also possible to help with scripting to assist people in collecting signatures on nominating papers.

Because the collection times for nominating papers and for Public Policy Questions do not overlap, a candidate who has put herself on the ballot could then seek to put on the ballot several Public Policy Questions, with the intent of forcing her opponents to take stands that would clarify the difference between her and them.

There was extended discussion of the merits of running people for statewide office or not running people for statewide office, given that a possible outcome is that the Libertarian Party would regain major party status. There are positive consequences of major party status. The Libertarian Party would be listed on the motor voter form. At the 2008 presidential primary, Libertarians would be able to run for the legally established State Committee and for town and ward committees. Town and ward committees can make unlimited gifts in kind to political campaigns.

There are also negative consequences of major party status. Underwood noted that had it had been vastly easier for him to collect 200 valid signatures to run for City Council in a non-partisan race than to collect 130 valid signatures to run for State House as a major party candidate. It would not be so bad to have people recapturing major party status if these people helped with ballot access for candidates lower down on the ticket, but this is not what happens.

In order to improve ballot access if the Libertarian Party ever regained major party status, some libertarian candidates run under the name Libertarian Party and other candidates run under some other name. To avoid legal complications, people should not run under the name Liberty for Massachusetts. The name *Liberty in Massachusetts* is not in use. Would we rather have people use Libertarian for the statewide name, or for the local races? It appears difficult to stop anyone else from using the major party races for the Libertarian name, so *Liberty in Massachusetts* name might better be used for legislative races. Candidates must adhere to state laws referring to the last date at which a candidate may enroll in a party.

In other Liberty for Massachusetts News, the Lowell Area Liberty Association has become the newest Liberty for Massachusetts local affiliate covering Billerica, Lowell, neighboring these places, and north to the New Hampshire border.

In September the State Organizing Committee spent \$138.17, including \$84.00 for a banner and \$54.00 for printing. In addition, the Political Action Working Group raised more than \$300 in support of the Rally to End the War on Iraq, while local affiliates spent nearly \$300 on other activities.

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The implied total for 2005 is around 1.3 million dollars, far below the 2.1 million dollars of 2001 or the 1.8 million dollars of 1997. For this year, the LNC has budgeted to spend 1.8 or 1.9 million dollars, a third of which they do not have.

The numerical columns, following this text, list the month, year, and income of the LNC. We have some obscurity in 2001, when the LNC chose to hide income and expenditures by filing on a semiyearly basis. However, a million dollars in a half-year is 160 000-170 000 dollars per month as an average for 2001, a total reached this year in only one month.

For 2005, a fourth column presents the financials as supplied to the LNC for the first half-year. Note that the income reported to the LNC is far below the income claimed in the FEC reports.

Read Sean Haugh's report on the last LNC meeting, visible at <http://ncway.blogspot.com> Entries for August 27 and a bit earlier. Do you see discussion of the donations? You can find reported a discussion that we need to do fundraising to replace the income lost when dues are shut off this January, but concern about current income is not strongly voiced by many LNC members.

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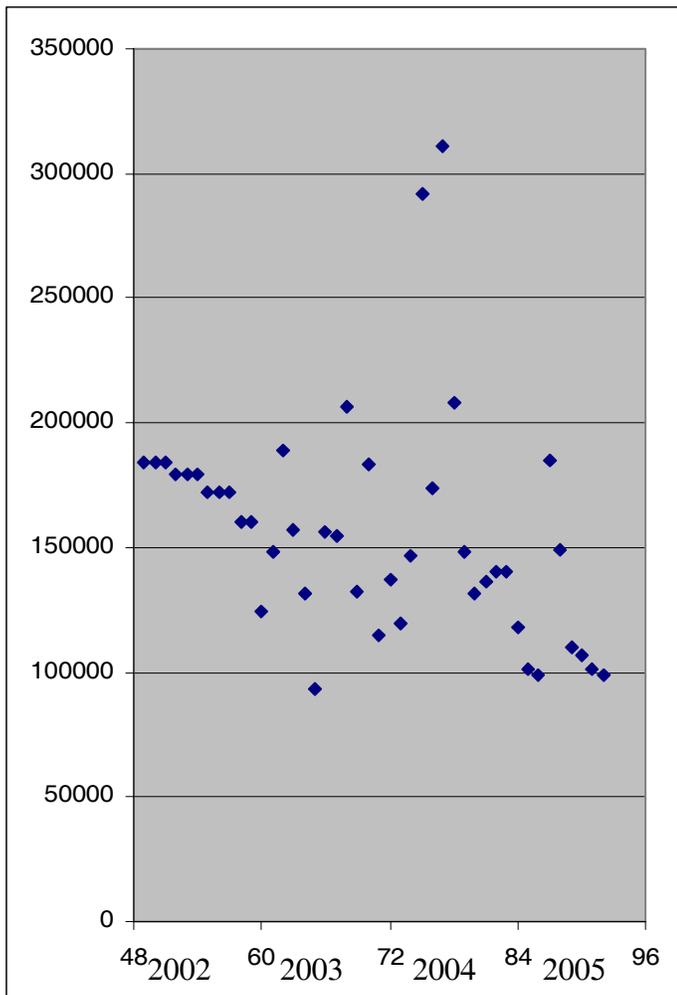
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Figure : LNC Donations by month, non-monthly values converted to monthly rate. Early 2002 are quarterly reports reported as average.



Editorial

Change is Coming