



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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March-April, 2000

LPM Opens New Office

By Stacy Van Oast

The Libertarian Party of Michigan has an office.

Conveniently located near the I-696 and I-75 interchange at 619 East Nine Mile in Hazel Park, the 2350 square foot office offers accessibility, ample parking and the opportunity for a level of professionalism for which the Party is poised to take full advantage.

Mailing parties, committee meetings, campaign meetings and workshops can now be held in a central location without imposing on individual hospitality. In the past, we have had an office in Ann Arbor and in Lansing, but this office is in the center of membership population.

Inquiring individuals can be directed to pick up literature at our office. Volunteers can pick up campaign lit and lawn signs at our office. Media people can be invited to conduct interviews and visit us at our office. We can replace our stand-alone voice mail system with a live human to answer telephone calls during business hours and calls and faxes can be placed from our office. The possibilities are endless!!

Obtaining our office would not have been possible without our Pledgers and our Pledge Program Coordinator, Dan Lafaver. Thank you to those "early adopters" who jumped on board at the onset of the program for giving the Party the budget with which to pursue the dream.

And others helped as well: Nancy O'Brien, who

headed up the effort to locate an office, managed to find an office that met all of the established criteria. Fred Collins acted as liaison between advising counsel Bill Hall and the landlord.

So, what's next?

Pledgers wanted! Now that the LPM has committed to maintaining the office for the next eight months (and hopefully forever) regular financial contributions are essential. If you're not yet a monthly pledger, please consider how you can help maintain this office and make it more efficient and productive, by joining the LPM pledge program.

Stuff wanted! Now that we have a huge empty space we need "stuff!" Here's the wish list:

Computers and software,
Printers, paper and cartridges,
Copiers, paper and toner,
Office supplies: staplers, staples, paper clips, scotch tape, pens and pencils,
Cleaning supplies: vacuum cleaner, buckets, brooms, soap, cleansers, etc.,
Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, plates, cups, and tissues plastic ware and wrap,
Ashtrays, wastebaskets (all sizes), trash bags,
Floor fans,
Shelving. . . lots of shelves,
Furniture: 8' tables, desks, chairs, miscellaneous tables, folding chairs, etc.
File cabinet and file folders,
Office "cubicle partitions",
Television sets, VCR's
Clocks

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DIRECTORY

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Snacks, coffee and accessories

To offer "stuff", please contact Nancy O'Brien, Office Establishment Liaison, at NOBrien321@aol.com or at (313) 562-5778.

Fred Collins, Bob Van Oast and others will be working to renovate the space. If you're in the neighborhood, please drive by. If you notice someone in there working, stop in.

The plan is to open the office on April 3. The lease extends through November covering the campaign period, with an option to renew. Of course, we hope to keep the office long after and plan to staff the office, relying on volunteers.

Our BARC Has a Bite

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candidate that wins the Presidential nomination at the Libertarian National Convention in July. There is still much to do and many volunteers will be needed. If you wish to volunteer., you can do so by accessing the Website and clicking on **Volunteer**.

"Slash the Pork" tickets are now being sold for the June 11 Presidential fundraiser in Southfield. Checks should be made payable to "LPM Campaign Fund." Corporate checks are not legally permitted. To purchase a ticket or to sell tickets contact Greg Dirasian, 6830 Leytonstone, West Bloomfield MI 48322, or greg@newsnetpipeline.com or at (248) 515-3675.

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"I must say I find television very educational. The minute someone turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book."

Groucho Marx

Minutes of the Feb.6 LEC Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM at the home of Ben and Anina Bachrach. All members of the committee were present except Mark Heil, who was ill. Also present were Tim O'Brien, Diane Barnes, Greg Dirasian, Martin Howrylak, Ben Bachrach, Marnie Edwards and Lloyd Sherman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Chair Stacy Van Oast reported on her pleasant meeting with Pete Waldmeir.

Executive Director Tim O'Brien reported on the Michael Corliss campaign for US Senate. Pam Tucker will do a quarterly newsletter for pledgers. Our infomercial is on hold pending Harry Browne's. LNC has sent some material we may use. Dave Bergland and Hugh Butler are not running for re-election as National Chair and Vice Chair. Bill Hall will not run for re-election.

Teresa Pollok reported on the upcoming Leadership Conference. Traverse Bay affiliate is approved. Lorna Tate to do Leadership Directory again.

Keith Edwards set the newsletter deadline at March 10.

Treasurer's report was given by Dave Nagy and Ben Bachrach.

Dan Lafavers gave the pledge program report and moved the LEC pay affiliate dues for pledgers. Passed. He also reported 96 reservations for the State Convention.

BARC report by Bruce Hoepner: \$55,000 budget for radio, billboards and Slash the Pork event on 6/11. \$8,500 already raised.

Nancy O'Brien moved to endorse the PRA2000 petition drive. Passed.

Brochures on the educational seminars at the convention will be sent to recent inquirers within 150 miles of Ann Arbor

Meeting adjourned



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Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Address: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

- \$35 Tri-Level - National, Michigan, and County _____
- \$25 Only National and Michigan
- \$25 I want to learn more before I join,
please send National and Michigan Newsletters for one year
- \$_____ additional donation for the operating fund
- I have enclosed a check payable to: Libertarian Party of Michigan
Charge my Visa MasterCard

- I want to make a Monthly Pledge of
\$_____
- Send a reminder each month
- Charge my credit card
Your annual Tri-level dues will be automatically
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Applicants for membership must indicate concurrence with the following statement by signing below:
 "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature: _____

What does the above statement mean? We ask our members to disavow the initiation of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you have the right to defend your life, liberty and property. This commitment provides us with a core value to judge our political and personal actions to determine if we stay true to our common goal: a society where all relationships are based on voluntary cooperation.

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