

# **Affiliate Support Committee**

Report for November 14th, 2021

## **Mission Statement**

To advise, assist, and document county affiliates, streamline and clarify rules for county affiliates, and create policies to streamline re-affiliation.

## **Committee Goals**

We are responsible for advising and assisting the Libertarian Party of Florida Secretary, Directors At-Large, and Region Representatives on all matters related to Libertarian Party county affiliates. We aim to develop consistent policies, procedures, and training manuals to recommend to active county affiliates and to Region Representatives for organizing new county affiliates, and to identify and document best practices to improve county affiliate operations.

## **Meeting information and locations**

ASC meetings have been underway and are currently being re-scheduled on account of my recent career change. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 21st at 4pmEST in the Coffee Chat Room on the LPF Discord. Tentatively, this will become our new meeting schedule, however at this time, nothing has been officially decided. As always, our meetings are open to any member of the LPF who wishes to participate for full transparency and availability of instant feedback.

## **Chair's Activity for the Past Month**

- Continued Affiliate Outreach
  - Unfortunately, we've received less of a response than I was hoping for, but still, we're gaining invaluable feedback in terms of what our members would like to see from us, both as the Affiliate Support Committee and the LPF EC.
  - We've received requests for more guides and informational assistance in terms of organizing events, running campaigns, proposing legislation, operating an affiliate and guides on best practices for succession of leadership.
  - In addition to that, as expected, every affiliate would like to see more support and action from the LPF in terms of hosting and supporting local or regional events, which is what has led to the creation of the Political Action Waiver referenced below.

- Operation 1st Step Incentive Program
  - Still awaiting on a condensed version to be sent via the Candidates Committee, so that we can disseminate that to all of the local affiliates and Region Reps.
  - I have reached out to Jim Turney via the Candidates Committee email address and hope to have something completed and ready for approval here shortly.
  
- Utilizing MeetUp.com and Eventbrite
  - At the recommendation of John Paff (Region 12 Representative) I have reached out to the Communications Committee Chair and asked for his opinion on the LPF acquiring a MeetUp.com subscription to be utilized by the local affiliates for promoting their events.
  - His recommendation was to consider testing the waters by identifying willing participants and starting with a free subscription before committing ourselves to a 6 month subscription plan that could end up becoming a fruitless endeavor.
  
- Recovering Unaffiliated Facebook Pages
  - At the recommendation of John Paff (Region 12 Representative) we've been discussing how we might recover the unaffiliated social media pages to be passed down to elected Region Reps to help them better organize new affiliates in their region.
  - Mr. Paff has been working closely with our committee and keeping us updated on his progress on this project and we're currently seeking out any advice anyone can provide.
    - I've been advised to reach out to Greg Peele, and unfortunately, although he's had experience attempting this, he has "never been particularly successful."
  
- The Treasurer's Guide
  - I'm currently working with Patrick Liestner and John Paff to create a working group for current Treasurers throughout the LPF, who can coordinate and advise each other whenever issues and questions arise.
  - The hope is that from this we will be able to compile a comprehensive and a generally universal guide that can be passed on to future Treasurers when leadership changes.
  
- Issues in Hillsborough County
  - According to the LPF website, this is an affiliated county, however upon requesting access to the website, the Chair in Hillsborough (Jeff Ryan) was informed that his affiliate was currently "unaffiliated" in the eyes of the LPF.
  - Upon further investigation, although I can find no record of a vote by the LPF EC to disaffiliate the county, there seems to have been a problem credentialing some of the members who were supposed to have taken leadership positions at the affiliate.
  - Since then, they've had to "disaffiliate" with the Hillsborough County government in order to avoid excessive fines and fees.
  - The current plan for the affiliate is to accept their current position and start from scratch with a new affiliate, new bylaws and new leadership, and re-petition the EC for affiliation.

- Good News = New Affiliates Coming Soon
  - Walton and Okaloosa Counties, via Robert Vinson (Region 1 Representative)
  - Martin County, via James Pinkosky (Region 11 Representative)

### **Progress Reports on Our Other Projects**

- The Tabling Kits (*credit to Lee Korotzer and Mike Smith*)
  - Our team has identified the materials they'd like to be included in these kits, to be staged strategically at local affiliates around the state. Currently, the price for each of these kits is estimated to be \$235 per kit (or \$1,175 for 5 kits).
  - Included in each kit is 1,000 LPF brochures, a frame, an easel and poster of the World's Smallest Political Quiz, a 6x3 banner, pvc frames to hold said banner, 100 twist ties and a pack of quiz cards.
  - We're in the final stages of this project and should have something to present to the ASC and then to the LPF Executive Committee relatively soon.
- The Political Action Waiver (*credit to Chris Rose*)
  - In coordination with Chris Rose and the Rules Committee, we have drafted and disseminated a motion for consideration by the county affiliates that would grant the LPF Executive Committee permission to pursue political action within their counties without requiring specific permissions for each and every event individually.
    - Copy of the ["Political Action Waiver"](#)

### **Closing Remarks**

I am still searching for members who would be able to assist us in translating guides and governing docs into Spanish and any other languages we believe may be useful to our membership. If you know anyone who would make a good candidate for this task, please refer them to the Affiliate Support Committee.

As always, I just want to remind everyone involved at LPF to try and make an effort to attend as many affiliate meetings and events as possible to become better acquainted with our members and their needs, and as mentioned above, as far as I'm concerned, every LPF member is welcome to attend any of our meetings and should feel free to reach out at any time, with any concern related to our committee.