



# Brooklyn LP General Meeting Agendas

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Next Meeting: Cherry Tree Bar (wifi u: SouthBrooklyn2 p: 3473391776)

## February 21, 2018

### Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

### Call to Order

### Announcements

- YAL Conference on Saturday

### Reportbacks

- Content Team
  - Website
  - Database
  - Mailing List
- Treasury Report
- 3rd Party

### New Business

- Project Framework
- Loomio Tutorial
- Content Guidelines

### Project Breakouts

Project groups are encouraged to meet together to discuss their work and next steps.

Closing Statements

Adjournment

March 20th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

Call to Order

Review Minutes

Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

Announcements

- State Convention in April
- State reportback
- Want to be a national delegate in NOLA this summer? (How will the delegates be chosen? Appointment? Election in the Spring presidential primary? Some combination?)
- Petitioning in July and August (No petitioning for any Libertarian candidates in 2019. It's a totally freebie year, first year of a newly recognized party. Just say the candidate's name.)

Reportbacks

- Content Team: Website, Database, Newsletter
- Social Media Team
- Treasury Report

- 3rd Party Update

## New Business

- Cameron presents his “[Mission Statement](#)” for the party
- Review Social Medias and Web Content Guidelines
- What should we blast all the Brooklyn-based Libertarians?
- Could a monthly event series like this be an effective way to build grassroots pro-freedom activism in Brooklyn? <https://www.meetup.com/SF-Liberty-Coalition/>
- Blockchain Outreach
- Street Theater
- Gary Popkin speaks on “the New York State Libertarian State Committee.” What is it? What are its duties? How does an enrolled Libertarian from Brooklyn get onto the committee?

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

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## Proposed Mission Statement

The mission of the Brooklyn Libertarian Party is to promote liberty-friendly policies and liberty-minded public servants in our local, state, and federal governments in order to ensure that responsible citizens are free to exercise, to the greatest extent possible, the natural rights of Americans as enshrined in our Founding documents.

Striving to be worthy of the liberty we advocate for, members of the Brooklyn Libertarian Party are encouraged to act thoughtfully and respectfully when engaging in the political process and in all our interactions with our neighbors and fellow citizens.

# April 17th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

## Review Minutes

## Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

## Announcements

- State Convention this weekend
- Reportback on Gary
- LNC

## Reportbacks

- Content Team: Website, Database, Newsletter
- Social Media Team
- Business Outreach Plan
- Treasury Report
- 3rd Party Update

## New Business

- Proposal for how to blast all the Libertarians.
- Placard Abuse Map
- Cameron presents his "[Mission Statement](#)" for the party

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

Project groups are encouraged to meet together to discuss their work and next steps.

## Notes

Call to order at 730pm

### **Attendance**

Devin

Thomas Williams - [thomashobsonwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:thomashobsonwilliams@gmail.com)

Dan

Matt

Cameron

### **Discussion about Party**

We should have a social event (party) that corresponds with the first blast to the whole NLP Brooklyn list. It could be a “What is Libertarianism” event and we could do some polling in the email and at the event to figure.

Maybe we have a debate with socialists.

Maybe we do it on a Thursday at Cherry Tree.

Maybe in July

### **Raw Notes from Discussion**

Link Party with Email - “What is Libertarianism” event

Maybe a debate with the socailists. Etc.

Maybe a thursday at Cherry Tree

Aim for July

May 15th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

Call to Order

Review Minutes

Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

Announcements

- State Convention reportback
- Reportback on Gary
- Alton's Conference materials and announcement

Reportbacks

- Content Team: Website, Database, Newsletter
- Social Media Team
- Business Outreach Plan
- Treasury Report
- 3rd Party Update

New Business

- Atlantic Antic Participation
- "Live Free or Brooklyn" vlog/podcast
- Request for a lockbox
- Placard Abuse Map
- Cameron presents his "[Mission Statement](#)" for the party

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

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### **Quick Notes**

Atlantic Antic hand out fliers to a party

Live Free in/or Brooklyn for the podcast.

Placard Abuse looks like a good method for online volunteering - post to follow.

June 19th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

7:08

## Review Minutes

No minutes presented without Gary.

## Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

Devin B



Matt H  
Alton  
Brendan

## Announcements

- Freedom Fest July 11-13 in Vegas
- National LP Convention
- Larry Sharpe Campaign

8m  
80 members  
1 in 100,000  
1%  
80,000  
1%  
800  
200 members

## Reportbacks

- Content Team: Website, Database, Newsletter
- Social Media Team
- Treasury Report
- 3rd Party Update

### Ideas

- Subsidized Metrocards - like, love, hate? Not a hill to die on.
- Attack with the drug war
- Get deeper into participatory budgeting

## New Business

- Do we have a statement for the National LP? Let's write it!
- Atlantic Antic Participation

\*\* Devin adds money to paypal so Alton can get a money order and pay for Atlantic Antic - \$240

\*\* Devin gets Manhatttan and Larry to pay 33/33

- “Live Free or Brooklyn” vlog/podcast
- Request for a lockbox
- Placard Abuse Map
- Cameron presents his “[Mission Statement](#)” for the party
- Business Outreach Plan

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

830

## Project Breakouts

Project groups are encouraged to meet together to discuss their work and next steps.

July 17th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

## Review Minutes

## Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

## Announcements

- Freedom Fest July 11-13 in Vegas
- National LP Convention Reportback
- Larry Sharpe Campaign Reportback

## Reportbacks

- Content Team
- Social Media Team
- Treasury Report

## New Business

- Atlantic Antic Participation

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

Project groups are encouraged to meet together to discuss their work and next steps.

August 21st, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

7:05

## Review Minutes

Minutes approved as amended.

## Introductions

- 30 second intros of everyone in the room

Devin - 230 sigs

Ragheeb

Alton - 450 sigs

Gary - 1000 sigs

Mark - 45 sigs

---later---

Rivkah

Susan O

Mark Aktin joined the Brooklyn LP

## Announcements

- Devin is going to be away from October and November

Preparations will be made.

- Sharpe signature drive results

31,567 submitted today. GOP will see the stack and not even challenge.

- 2018 Campaign Plans

Gary might be on for assembly.

- Recruiting people to call NLP members in Brooklyn to join the BkLP - CRM Project

We should get ready to use the CRM to call all NLP members to join the BkLP.

- Atlantic Antic Participation

Sept 23rd - we need volunteers for the booth

## Reportbacks

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Wants BkLP members to come to meetings

A statement from BkLP would be useful for recruiting at some point in the future

We need literature for him

- Treasury report

Paypal at \$52 and \$96 in the bank

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

8:03

## Project Breakouts

Project groups are encouraged to meet together to discuss their work and next steps.

September 25th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

Clifton seconds

## Review Minutes

No minutes due to no Gary

## Introductions

- Devin - chair, etc
- Bradford - longtime LP member, Phoneix originally, 2 years in town, lives in Bed Stuy
- Rageev - Bronx resident, Brooklyn Tech student, longtime LPer,
- Dave - south brooklyn born and raised, warming up to libertarian stuff

- John Clifton - former state and county chair, ran for lots of stuff, Queens libertarians, blogs etc

## Announcements

Sharpe campaign - great campaign to help out. Lots of downstate activity.

Public advocate race might come back around.

Clifton is looking for a \$10k check to finance an LP activist to do GOTV for Sharpe. Darrell Bonner is the guy. 215.520.8088

Brooklyn Tech LP club (name tbd). Looking for a teacher to sponsor.

## Reportbacks

Atlantic Antic was good. We were the whole event. Sharpe was there for 3-4 hours shaking hands. A few email addresses were collected.

Why are we doing so bad?

- Why does Phoenix work and NYC not work?
- People don't know it.
- We had Stern in 94 and then it divided everyone.
- 2010 madam situation precipitated Queens situation
  - State wanted to remove him from Queens chair
  - 2010 they voted to suspend Stevens
  - Objection to the legitimacy of the action
  - Dec 2016 meeting dechartered Queens
  - Stevens and Sloan need to be reinstated then the Queens Libertarians would join the Queens LP

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

October 16th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

## Review Minutes

Minutes of the August meeting - approved

No minutes from September - no Gary

## Introductions

Bradford - Introduced self.

Romana introduced herself and discussed her home county the Czech Republic, the Velvet Revolution and post Communism and modernity in CZ.

Gary introduces himself retired teacher from New York City College of Technology - COmputer Systems Dept. Veteran NY Libertarian

## Announcements

MichAel Acari is running Larry Sharpe Event - Thurs. Sent by MichEl to his distro list.

Sample Ballot has been posted by NY Board of elections. Search NYCBOE for sample per your home address to see your local ballot. Larry and AG Candidate Chris Garvey is on ballot.

## Reportbacks

None

## New Business

- Promoting Larry Sharpe - see email. See announcements.
  - Larry Sharpe Event
- Promoting the chapter, web social outreach. Ideas discussed and Romana showed interest in outreach. Could employ additional resources. Could also use meeting time to discuss content.

## Old business

- Public advocate race might come back around. - Gary has new methodology for signature gathering, may be good on wigs on special election.

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

December 18th, 2018

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing



## Call to Order

Call to order - 7:03

## Review Minutes

No minutes presented at this meeting. Hopefully October minutes will be presented at this meeting.

## Introductions

- Devin - Brooklyn chair
- Aaron - member in Brooklyn, chair of Manhattan
- Gary - former chair, Brooklyn rep to state committee, past chair. 5-6 person committee to write rules for the party, lead by Larry Sharpe.
- Bradford - econ-based libertarian since college.
- Romana - libertarian heart and not very political. Wants to help with online presentation
- Alton - treasurer of the BkLP. we don't have much money. Also performing membership secretary functions.
- Dan - vice chair. Libertarian since adulthood. Great time to grow the party.
- Ilya - lawyer and Manhattan LP, state committee, soviet libertarian, Slack.

## Announcements

1. Gary Popkin reports on matters relating to the transition of the Libertarian Party of New York, formerly an independent nominating body, into a Party recognized by the New York State Board of Elections, the Libertarian Party, as a result of our governor candidate, Larry Sharpe, getting more than 50,000 votes (more than 90,000, actually)
  - Each county has a county committee for every party
  - Starting in September 2020, we will have the Kings County Libertarians Party County Committee. All members must be enrolled libertarians. To be a member of the KCLCC. You must be elected to the committee. The registered LP voters are the people who can serve as officers and vote for officers. If elected to the LP county committee you can get the title "Honorable".
  - Also in September 2020, there will be an election for state committee.
  - Brooklyn will be entitled to several reps on the committee. Defined by the amount of enrolled LP members in Brooklyn. And how many votes gotten by Larry.
  - Must be enrolled LP to be an officer and to vote for officers at county and state.
  - You must submit your change of enrollment by September 2019 for it to be effective in September 2020. Wait until new voter registration forms are printed. When those are printed there will be an LP box.

- You will have to do a party petition to get on the primary ballot. Starts in June 2020. These districts are assembly districts.
  - Important duties of the state committee - such as picking the hotel at the LPN Convention. Lol.
  - No dues for registered voters.
  - Rules will be voted on at the state convention in april.
  - There will be rules committee for county committee also - but after state committee.
  - What becomes of the BkLP? We can put it into hibernation. Or we can continue as an educational organization or something. We won't be a chapter anymore because we'll be organized via the election law. Basically it could become a Brooklyn LP political club.
2. How food works
  3. Elections next month for Brooklyn LP Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary - no quorum requirement. People can run by phone - must be nominated.
    - For any position
      - i. Romana
      - ii. Bradford
    - For Chair
      - i. Devin
    - Treasurer
      - i. Alton
    - For secretary
      - i. Gary
    - Vice chair
      - i. Dan
  4. Liberty Con - next month in DC - Jan 17

## Reportbacks

## New Business

1. Things to know about the Rules committee
2. Activism encouragement
  - a.
3. NYC Libertarian Party
  - a. Nyclibertarians.org is a website for us
  - b. @libertariaNyc
  - c. Charter commission discussion
    - i. Testify for proposals
    - ii. \*\*Add Slack links to newsletter\*\*

- iii. Doing events
    - 1. Went to international day for sex workers support etc
    - 2. Signage restrictions - DoB is giving out big fines. 6-month moratorium currently. Origins in laws from the 60s/70s.
    - 3. Placard Abuse is an opportunity.
  - iv. Get on the Slack, follow the Twitter, email Ilya to become engaged.
- 4. Candidate(s) for Public Advocate
  - a. Two week petitioning period.
  - b. Need 3750 signatures. Challenge proof would require 7500 signatures.
  - c. Gary wants to run. Platform - massive voter suppression due to scanner breakdown. UN should have sent observers. Experienced poll worker. Ghosting during calls. Avoid UN observers. Let's bring in private firms to do it. Instead of dealing with the post office they should deal with the Fedex.
- 5. Treasurer's report
  - a. Bank account - \$221
  - b. Paypal - 90.48
  - c. \$311.48
- 6. Where can we scrounge up money for FB ads.
- 7. Official Party Party
  - a. Enrollment
  - b. Impressiveness
  - c. Officialness
  - d. Manhattan has money
- 8. Design
  - a. New website design is the Official Party Party
  - b. Update the logo - Brooklyn and NYC
  - c. Cohesive design for the boroughs
  - d. What is our design purpose? Join and Meet
  - e. Target markets: families, women, entrepreneurs, immigrants.
    - i. Let's do what DSA does - yuppie entrants to city
    - ii. Libertarians who don't know it
    - iii. Stuff to do
      - 1. Clear blog post
      - 2. Newsletter
      - 3. Branding and design
      - 4. UX design - we must get friends to test the website

## Closing Statements

Closed - 8:29

Adjournment

Project Breakouts

January 15th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

Call to Order

7:11

Introductions

1. Devin - member
2. Bradford - member
3. Romana - member
4. Aaron - member
5. Rivkah - member
6. Gary - member
7. Gil - member
8. David - member
9. Alton - member
10. Kate - member
11. Geoffrey Green -
12. Daniel -
13. Dan - member

Review Minutes

Minutes passed

## Announcements

- Now that we're an official party we're gonna be running primaries starting in 2020. To vote in the primary you need to be enrolled. Same for petitions. We will likely only nominate only enrolled libertarians. To be an officer of the party you have to be enrolled. County committee is described in election law. We can all be elected to Kings county county committees. We now have to live under state election law. Long story short - register as a Libertarian now
- There are bylaws issues that we need to discuss.

## Reportbacks

- 215 in paypal, 256 in the bank account

## New Business

### Electing officers:

- For Chair
  - i. Bradford nominates Devin
    - 1. 9
  - ii. Alton nominates Bradford
    - 1. 3
  - iii. NOTA
    - 1. 0
- Vice chair
  - i. Rivkah, David, Gil - all declined - Alton
  - ii. Bradford - Romana (8-4)
    - 1. Ideas
      - a. Fundraising ideas
      - b. Merchandising liberty
  - iii. Dan - Devin
    - 1.
- Treasurer
  - i. Alton - Gary
  - ii. Rivkah - Aaron (7-5)
- Secretary
  - i. Gary - Romana
  - ii. Romana - Gary - 4
  - iii. Kate - Alton - 7
  - iv. NOTA - 1

Selecting Representative for the Transition Committee

- Gary representative.

Distribution and collection of new voter-registration form

Q: Does anyone have the national LP logo in vectors?

Fundraising - Shirts - Proposal

Next Month:

- Proxy vote bylaw change

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

10-1 8:24

## Project Breakouts

# February 19th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

19:10

## Call to Order

## Review Minutes

## Introductions

- Devin
- Jeffery
- Sam - first meeting
- Bradford - vice chair
- Gary
- Alton
- Rivkah
- Susan
- Avery
- Matt H
- Amanda H
- Ray Denaro - GOP district leader 47th district - running for state assembly in 2020

## Announcements

- Alton - Freedom Fest held yearly in Vegas. Early bird special over but still enrollable.
- Avery is running against velazquez. Wants to reduce the size of government. Unnecessary spending. Getting rid of some agencies: IRS, DoE, DoEnergy. Legalize medical marijuana. Not sure about all libertarianism. Criminal Justice reform. Bill passed is good.



- Ray - Running for state assembly. 47th district, 2017 candidate for city council. Construction management, etc. \$200m in 5 borough of projects. 2016-2017 lost 5 childhood friends to heroin overdoses. 28. Wants to improve his community. Wants to understand the philosophy better. Happy to see Sharpe get 50k +. Raised matching funds in 2017.
  - Schools aren't focused on early intervention related to drugs. Need to bring it up earlier.
  - Safe injections etc - against them.
  - How has govt created opioid crisis? Yes ---- but border security? The drugs are coming in from Mexico... maybe?
  - You have a right to do heroin.
  - He walks the district every day. Doing the fairness etc. He wants to see better community engagement from the political class.

## Reportbacks

Devin has a NYState disk of OTH LBT with 92 Brooklyn libertarians. Gary had one for 400. Devin's disk is probably in the process of being converted to normal LBT which is why...?

## New Business

- Where can we search to find a prominent libertarian New Yorker who would like to run for Public Advocate as a Libertarian in November?

## Closing Statements

## Adjournment

8-0

## Project Breakouts

# March 19th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Attendance

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## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

- Pizza
  - Broccoli Pie
  - Plain and anchovies half
- Beer
  - 2 IPAs

## Call to Order

7:19

## Introductions (14)

- Devin - Chair of Brooklyn
- Rivkah - Treasurer
- ALbert - Born in the Philipeas - here since 9. Larry Sharpie, Bay Ridge
- Nathan D - Brooklyn, long time libertarian
- Rebecca - just moved from SF, long timer and lives in Upper Manhattan
- Warren - invited by Sean, saw Larry on Rogan
- Sean - unimpressed with website content
- Kate - newish, the secretary, unimpressed with normal sitch, decentralize power and distributing capabilities
- Romana - from czech republic, just discovered her libertarian insides, down to make people understand what we're about (content, self-identification, mission comms)
- Bradford - newly vice chair of the group - long-time libertarian - down to improve content system and our party's ability to elect libertarians
- Anniko - Dutchess county party previously - just moved to brooklyn - larry sharpe fan
- Daniel - NYC native - helped found dutchess county lib party - is attending today as vice chair (drove 2.5 hrs!)
- Daniel Christmann - running for PA, went to a SAM party event which was impressive, we're flapping in the wind, 40 possible candidates in 2020. + fed up people - wants to

work on content (and create content pathways ish that are in line with what other boroughs are doing)

- Gary - first chairman on this whole thing here. Now he is the liason to the state committees that are *doing things*.

## Review Minutes

How does this all work once we're official party?

- Gary would like us to become the brownstone libertarian club because there is a brownstone repub club down the street— **\*\*we can charge dues but ordinarily political clubs don't charge\*\***
- **Q. Are we transitioning into a club or a commission...?** - Bradford
- We don't have enough people to form a kings county libertarian county committee (need 900 people!)
- **Q. What is our legal position within Kings County?** None. (Gary will get to it.)
- **Q. Why are we certifying minutes at all?** -DB Do we stop at some point? Yes. When we no longer have the ability to nominate candidates.

Minutes of the meeting of Jan 2019 and Feb 2019 were accepted as submitted.

- DB proposes Jan and Feb.
- Rivka seconds Jan and Feb.
- 6-0 approval. voted for. 0 voted against.

## Agenda Development

## Announcements

1. Gary: Joint Convention in Manhattan **June 11** (at manhattan venue) to nominate a candidate for Public Advocate
  - Public Advocate candidate will be selected at the June
  - NO PETITIONING THIS YEAR.
    - Name the candidate.
    - Tell the state party.
    - Within 15 days state party is supposed to provide us with a certificate of nomination (certified)
    - Then we bring it to 32 Broadway.
    - Voila. Our candidate will be on the ballot.
  - There is also a **state convention** in Rochester. May 4-5.

2. Voter Registration Forms: If you want to register. Talk to Gary and fill out the form and return it to him (he will hand deliver it to the people)
3. Daniel says hi
  - Wants to hold events where we engage with more ideas (ish?)
  - We should get ideas and stuff from the participants
  - SAM party is kicking, let's check it out
  - When are we having a fundraising dinner?

## Reportbacks

### 1. Design

- 1.1. Q: Can we call ourselves BKLP once we convert? Gary says we can probably call ourselves anything because we are just a club.
- 1.2. Color Scheme
  - 1.2.1. 3 sketches for LP, BKLP, NYLP
  - 1.2.2. Color = gold
  - 1.2.3. **Action Item:** testing on #3 and #4 from the gradient
- 1.3. Website Review
  - 1.3.1. Goal: What is our group about?
  - 1.3.2. UX / Wireframe Review
    - 1.3.2.1. Land on "Mission"
    - 1.3.2.2. Scroll down to "Principles" to help user identify
    - 1.3.2.3. Scroll down to "Projects"
    - 1.3.2.4. Scroll down to "Calendar" / Join the Meetup
    - 1.3.2.5. Scroll down to "News"
    - 1.3.2.6. Scroll down "People"
    - 1.3.2.7. Scroll down to "Donate" call to action
    - 1.3.2.8. Scroll down to "Shop"
  - 1.3.3. **Content Needs: EMAIL LIST.**
    - 1.3.3.1. Mission Statement
    - 1.3.3.2. Principles
    - 1.3.3.3. Projects
    - 1.3.3.4. Events
    - 1.3.3.5. News
    - 1.3.3.6. Curator
  - 1.3.4. Other Feedback / Research:
    - 1.3.4.1. Sean wanted to find out "what is this party even about"
      - What would it take to influence the 70% of people who aren't voting in new york

### 2. Social Media

- 2.1. Facebook: Rivka wants feedback about what to add to the page. Do you like what she's been sharing?
  - 2.2. Instagram? - we got a guy on the plate.
- 3. New Venue Task Force**
- 3.1. What happens when we outgrow Cherry Tree ?
  - 3.2. New Venue Search: Requirements:
    - 3.2.1. 10 blocks within Atlantic Barclay etc
    - 3.2.2. 20-40 people
    - 3.2.3. Tell Devin if you have ideas.
- 4. NYC Libertarians concept**
- 4.1. Brand Identity
  - 4.2. Platform
  - 4.3. Channels / Touchpoints:
    - 4.3.1. Facebook
    - 4.3.2. Instagram
    - 4.3.3. Meetup
    - 4.3.4. Podcast
  - 4.4. Citywide production - Queens, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx ?
  - 4.5. Event feed on website (or is it?)
  - 4.6. If anyone is interested in running for any position - go and fill out form >> [nyclibertarian.org](http://nyclibertarian.org) >> "run for office"
    - 4.6.1. [nyclibertarian.org/slack](http://nyclibertarian.org/slack)

## New Business

- Gary Popkin speaks on the New York State Libertarian State Committee (What is it? What are its duties? How does an enrolled Libertarian from Brooklyn get onto the committee?)
  - NY State committee = body of 100 or so peeps who are elected by enrolled libs all over the state (june of even years).
    - Its duties: It nominates the statewide candidates (gov, Lt gov, attorney general, controller, US senate, electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, some delegates to the Libertarian National Convention)
    - It also raises money -- to support local groups
    - How to get on the state committee (as a brooklyn) -
      - Ie. Gary might put together a slate of 4 people on a single petition sheet, and divvy up the signature load (5% of enrolled libs in brooklyn)/ Then file petition. Then in June 2020, on state committee. However... if say Dan does this also, then there will be two brackets of groups (with individual ovals (8)) and the ballot

would say 'vote for any four'....) and ya'll can vote for any four.  
Gary might just vote for himself and not for his bracket.

- Next month's pizzaside chat with Gary: how to get signatures.

Fundraising:

- Announcement from Daniel from Dutchess county:
  - Libertarian party doesn't want to be a stodgy group. It wants to be actively engaging electorate in cultural contexts / environments that share values but not overtly political.
  - He wants to organize some activities to get out name recognition, increase treasury, and enable other country orgs to participate and raise funds as well.
    - Ie. movie screenings, plays, lectures, trash pickups, singles night
    - How it would work:
      - 1) Send guests
      - 2) 10% of ticket sales we funnel go to them, rest would go to our org.
  - In Dutchess county - they are advocating for **Rank Choice Voting**
    - Where you can vote your heart, then you can cast your practicality vote. You don't need to cast your vote based on practicality. (Ie abolishes the idea of 'vote for him to not split the vote')
    - Gives small parties a way to gage their choices
- Extra Questions
  - How would you improve political literacy? - Warren
    - Here's an issue... boop beep bop. How I align.
    - Content generation?

#### **Political Literacy Content:**

- Rank Choice Voting
- Fusion Voting
- asdlkfjasljlfsakjdfkljsjFLKSJAFLKJASKLDFJAS

## Closing Statements

DB 855pm: 5:1 vote to adjourn

Did you eat or drink? Pay Devin in cash:

If you ate a slice of pizza: \$2

If you drank a glass of beer: \$2

## Adjournment

## Project Breakouts

## Action Items

1. Create an index of resources (ie. slack, facebook, websites, twitter, instagram, etc)
  - a. [nyclibertarian.org/slack](https://nyclibertarian.org/slack)
  - b. Twitter: @bklnyc @nyclibertarian

## Calendar Items

May 4-5: State Convention, Rochester

June 11: Joint Convention, Manhattan

April 23rd, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

7:23

### Attendance

- Devin

- Bradford
- Gary

## Review Minutes

Unanimously approved minutes

## Introductions

## Announcements

- Convention in May for the State
- Convention in Manhattan for the city in June

## Reportbacks

- Extensive explanation of how election districts and county committees work from Gary.
- Judicial districts have two seats on state committee plus one seat for every 400 libertarians, plus one seat for every 4000 votes for Larry Sharpe. 791 Enrolled currently and 3500 for Larry Sharpe.
- Brooklyn is judicial district 2. 13 in New York state.
- County committees can nominate candidates in special elections.
- Bottomline: if we want to put people up on Civil Court judge 2019, we need to float an ICO, but if not, we don't. Devin will find out what we have to do to become one. But this is all irrelevant by the time the next election seasons start around January 2020.

## New Business

Gary Popkin speaks on Getting Petition Signatures From Enrolled Libertarians

Enrolled Libertarians are few and far between. A petitioner has to go to the enrollee's house to get a signature. You can get free enrollee data. The New York City Board of Elections publishes free online enrollment books with names, addresses, and apartments. The New York State Board of Elections provides a free disk with more data but still no telephone number or email address. For \$50 the city board provides a disk with more data including any telephone number and email address that the voter put on the voter-registration form.

Let's say you have the names and addresses of some enrolled Libertarians and you knock on the door of one. You say, "May I speak to Carlos de la Paz, please?" "Who wants to know?" Don't say you are from the Libertarian Party. Maybe Carlos doesn't want his family to know he is



a Libertarian. Say, "I'm collecting signatures to get some candidates on the ballot and I need Carlos' signature." "Can I sign?" "No. You are not on my list. Only Carlos is on my list." "Can I forge Carlos' signature?" "No. I have to see him sign." Do not commit election fraud. It might be a sting." Carlos is in the shower. Can I bring it to him to sign?" "No. I have to see him sign. I'll get into the shower with him so he can sign."

When you find a Libertarian, introduce yourself and say, "Will you sign to get some Libertarian candidates onto the ballot?"

A voter might say, "I'm not a Libertarian." How can that happen if the voter is on your list? Maybe the Board of Elections enrolled him wrong or he enrolled so long ago he forgot. Say, "Since none of this makes any difference to you, can you do me a favor and sign?"

How do you get from one Libertarian to the next? You can drive or have someone drive you. You can drive up into the voter's driveway and keep your eye on your car. You can park in the street blocking the driveway and keep your eye on your car.

The voter need only sign. You can fill in the date, the printed name, and the address because you know who the voter is.

If you telephone a voter and say that you want to come over for a signature, the voter will say, "Oh, no, I'm just going out." Rush right over and if it takes you 15 minutes the voter will still be there.

Maybe we can write to Libertarians telling them we will be collecting signatures and can they please call to make an appointment.

Your petition can be challenged only by an enrolled Libertarian eligible to vote in the contest of your petition. If you don't expect a challenge you don't have to be meticulous about your petition.

The petition period is always 38 days long--5 weeks plus 3 days. You might get one signature per hour. You cannot witness your own signature.

(Next month: How Voter Data Are Organized And Presented)

## Closing Statements

Gary "There's lots more... (ominously)"

Next month we'll look at district maps on the screens.

## Adjournment

Unanimous - 8:25

## Project Breakouts

May 21st, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

7:06pm

Devin

### Attendance

- Devin - chair
- Gary Popkin - 30 years as a lawyer and republican so knows this stuff
- David - director events of manhattan lp
- Ethan
- Dan C - treasurer of the Bronx LP
- Cameron C
- Bradford - Vice Chair
- Rebecca - Manhattan Media Director and CA at large

## Review Minutes

Accept minutes

- 7 yes one abstain

## Introductions

## Announcements

- June 11 convention to pick Public Advocate candidate. Paid members of the 5 counties vote at the convention.
  - 1st year of a new party we get special treatment so we get candidates by issuing certificates of nomination. If a joint convention sends a name of a candidate the state will issue a certificate.
  - There will be an agenda.
  - Chair pro tem conducts election of chair of the election and secretary. Secretary takes real minutes. Nominations will be accepted. Candidates can speak. Vote. Include NOTA.
  - April 2020 is first primary
- Send a certificate to state committee. File it.
- June 30 Pride in Manhattan. There will be a booth and marchers. Need volunteers.
- Next week Nick Smith, Chair of LPSF will speak to us.

## Reportback

- NYLP Convention in Rochester reportback

## New Business

- Gary Popkin speaks on How Voter Data Are Organized And Presented. Gave us useful tips for how to get actionable information about finding potential LP voters.
  - Devin is working on putting election data into a database and will report back.
- Caban for Queens
  - We discussed whether we'd like to support her and we discussing it with a lot of favorability and questions around how she would represent our support. Would we get billing on her campaign materials? Would she identify in any way as a libertarian?
- Atlantic Antic - Sept 29th.
  - David will bottomline registering and organize a team. Devin, Gary and other will assist.
- Caban for queenss discussion
  - Gary: we should get some type of concession, like promoting the LP on her marketing materials or put something on her website like "Capitalism has lifted more people out of poverty than any other economic system."

- In the future any enrolled libertarian can get into the primary without any approval from the party.
- Rebecca
  - I think it's unlikely she'd want our endorsement in the first place.
  - Oppose it because it violates NLP bylaws. It's a partisan race. What will the LP gain. Conditions would likely not be met.
  - Supports fusion voting. Might get easier ballot access. But won't benefit from someone from DA.
- David
  - She won't beg for our line. But I think we will get something out of it because you can talk about a party by talking about a candidate. It's easier.
  - We have no one else so give someone we agree with the option is a good idea.
- Bradford
  - It'd be a different story if she couldn't get on the ballot as a Democrat.
- Cameron C
  - Agree with Gary. Likes fusion. But they have to be libertarians. Why don't we endorse hawks?
  - If it were to happen they'd have to be libertarian and couldn't have another LPer want the position.
- Bradford
  - We need to do things that float our name. They also have to be consistent with our values. Decarceration is key. Prosecuting corporate crime - who knows what that is.
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## Closing Statements

How does the Brooklyn LP feel about cross endorsing  
At the July meeting, Gary Popkin will speak on Party Offices

## Adjournment

8:47pm

## Project Breakouts

June 18th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

- Discussion of deplatforming.
- Explanation of pizza acquisition process.
- Discussion and praise of Ladies of Liberty

## Call to Order

- 7:57 - Call to order

## Review Minutes

- Postpone til next
- BRadford

## Introductions

- Gary -
- Dave - here to learn
- Alton - former chair
- Cameron - aka Cam
- Matthew Morgan - red
- Matt - blue
- Sam - into autonomy
- Devin - Chair
- Bradford - Vicechair
- Mellisa - muslim libertarian, gold

## Announcements

- Gary - voter registration forms, register now
- Devin - database

- Alton - Libertyfest
- Devin - pride is happening, led by Manhattan, talk with them about coordination

## Reportback

- Porcfest
- Devin talks about the campaign

## New Business

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## Closing Statements

- Cameron - Judge Nat interviewed Kokesh on a platform as abolish the federal govt.

## Adjournment

- Devin moves to adjournment. Unanimous.

## Project Breakouts

July 16th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

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## Call to Order

- 7:26

## Review Minutes

- Motion to pass minutes
- Seconded by David
- 7-0-0

## Introductions

- Devin
- Ross
- Matthew
- Sam
- Ryan
- Gil
- Cameron
- Aaron
- Bradford
- Ilya
- Gary
- David
- Carleton
- James
- Rebecca

## Announcements

- MLP debate watch party on July 31
- David running for 45
- Atlantic Antic
- Upcoming charter revisions. Ilya is working on recommendations.

## Reportback

- Gary discussing Assembly District Leaders
  - Our job is to get in touch with every libertarian by assembly district.
- ICO or not
- Devin's Public Advocate Campaign

## New Business

- Nominate David Fite

- Aaron - it'd be great to have David running
- Devin - it'd be great to have David running. Enthusiastic producer.
- Devin motions to endorse David for 45. Did Gary correct that to “nominate” David? Seconded by Gary. We nominate. The Sierra Club endorses.
  - Unanimous 14-0-0
- Women
  - We can be different than the national party
  - David: Occupational licensing – women – trying to find events that already gather people and just stamp LP logo on it – talked about house party
- Motion to start an ICO – proposed by Gary Popkin
  - Announcing that September 17 meeting will be organizing convention. Seconded by Devin. Unanimous vote in favor.
  - 9 – 0- 0 no abstentions
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## Closing Statements

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## Adjournment

- Aaron Commey moved for a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ilya Schwartzburg. 9-2-0 vote to adjourn.

August 20th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

- 7:22 - Devin



## Review Minutes

- Announcements about july debate party
- Atlantic Antic
- Upcoming charter revisions
- Assembly district leaders and outreaching to lib leaders
- ICO discussion
- Devin's public advocate campaign

## Introductions

- Devin
- John
- David (D of Events for manhattan)
- Gary P
- Kate - secretary
- Alton
- Melissa

## Announcements

- 9/10 Forum
- 9/11 ICO
- 9/12 Debate watch party on 9/12/2019 7:00pm @ Cloister Cafe on East 9th street (2nd/3rd aves) -- <https://www.facebook.com/events/2521690354559976/>
- TBD Public Advocate Campaign Event sometime in next month ish
- 9/29 Atlantic Antic - we should do lots of registration at the event

## Reportback

- ICO Development

## New Business

- Contacting enrolled Libertarians
  - Gary is potential 52nd Assembly District Leader and wants to send enrolled Libertarians information saying that he is petitioning and need signatures to get candidates on ballot (need sigs from 5% of libs)
- Why do Libertarian men suck so much? (aka why is this party unwelcoming to women)
  - Are sucky men the reason women don't join the LP?
    - Yes: 3

- No: 4
    - Women generally aren't participants in politics
    - Women don't like dark dive bars and discussing politics
    - Non-conformist people tend to have more social oddness about them.
  - Resolutions: Ladies of Liberty
  - The issue: we need to be appealing to everyone - 50% of the population isn't into the party
- Gary Popkin explains the 20-year cycle of City Council elections, 2009 - 2025 (two censuses, two redistricting)
- New Treasurer
  - Nomination: Alton (accepts), Melissa (declines), David (accepts)
    - Alton: 2
    - David: 1
- Walk Away (to our booth) - Atlantic Antic - create and print foot stencil and get spray chalk - #WalkAway - #WalkToward
  - Kate to create stencils for footprints and #walktoward
  - Kate and David to be taskforce for atl antic - and create a budget

## Closing Statements

- Devin says he thinks we're moving forward. He sees growth which involves awkward experiences.

## Adjournment

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September 17th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Pre-Meeting Schmoozing

## Call to Order

- 7:20 - call to order - Devin

## Review Minutes

- 5 yes
- 2 abstain

## Introductions

- Devin - Chair
- Gary - Interim State Committee rep
- Matthew - lives in the neighborhood
- Bradford Wilson - Vice Chair and vegan
- David Koffman - Brooklyn Tech student
- Melissa Peach - moved to NYC from DC and a lawyer
- David Fite - candidate for Bk 45th
- Gil - was Manhattan LP now Brooklyn
- Rebecca - vice chair of Manhattan and at-large member of California
- Daniel Christmann - man of mystery
- Kate -

## Announcements

- Volunteer sign up for Atlantic Antic
  - <http://manhattanlp.org/event/tabling-at-atlantic-antic/>
  - Or tell David Fite
  - Gary shows up at 10 with
    - Tent
    - Table
    - Banner
    - Will be picked up around 5-530
    - Gary will contact Alton to get additional stuff
- John Stossel is moderating a debate on climate change in Manhattan on Monday Sept 29. \$10 with coupon code "Libertarian"
  - <https://donate.heartland.org/event/climate-challenge-the-new-york-city-debate/e248764>

- ICO - we all need to show up and promote
- March against Gentrification at Barclays September 21

## Reportback

- NYC Libertarians
- Shooting
- We support Hong Kong
- Campaign event - Thursday
- Sunday liberty event

## New Business

- Climate Strike on Friday - Fite is Marching
- Delegates to Austin National LP convention in May
  - Tell Jim Rosembeck by December 1st
  - April primary to be a delegate
  - Need signatures of ½ of 1% of enrolled Libertarians in the district

## Closing Statements

- Devin called - David Seconds
  - 8
  - 0
  - 2
- Adjourned 8:31

## Adjournment

October 15th, 2019

Add Items to our Agenda

## Call to Order

- 7:19 PM

## Introductions

- Dan Christman - Bk
- Gary Popkin - Bk
- Cameron Weber - New
- Chelsea (spelling?) - New
- Cameron - New
- Albert - New
- Rebecca
- Dan Bockwrath
- Gil -
- Bradford -
- David Fite -
- Matthew Morgan - New

## New Business

- Explanation of the ICO situation
- Elect a Secretary for the Convention
- Call Convention to Order

## Convention

- Opening Remark
- Appoint a:
  - Chair
  - Secretary
- Credential Everyone

- Announce the criteria
  - Take attendance
- Review Rules
  - Amendment Proposals
  - Vote on Proposals
- Vote on Rules
- Elect Officers
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
- Sign the Document
- Closing Remarks
- Adjourn

## Review Minutes

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## Announcements

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## Reportback

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## Closing Statements

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## Adjournment

Attendance  
 Devin Balkind  
 Bradford Wilson  
 David Fite  
 Daniel Christmann

Gary Popkin  
Cameron Weber  
Albert Villaroman  
Gilbert Midonnet  
Matthew Morgan  
Cameron Clark  
Xiaoxi Long

Guests  
Rebecca Lau, New York County  
Dan Bockwrath, Dutchess County

Called to order at 8:00

Gilbert nominated Devin Balkind as temporary chair  
Bradford seconded  
Devin elected by acclamation

David Fite nominated Rebecca  
Seconded by Devin Fite  
Rebecca elected by acclamation

Credentialing

We had 10 hands

Adopting the rules

Gary supports adopting the document

Daniel makes a motion to amend section 10.2, nominating candidates

Gary's motion

Change "the recommendation.....made by the county excom to the state committee"

Add "if an enrolled Libertarian seeks the designation or nomination it shall be to the exclusion of persons not enrolled in the Libertarian Party"

Gilbert

Yes: 0

No: 7

Abstain: 3

David makes and motion to amend  
Change from elections by "county executive committee" to  
Electronic ballot to all enrolled LPs in Kings County

Yes - 3

No - 7

David moved to adopt rules

Seconded by Bradford

Yes - 8

No - 1

Abstain - 1

Bradford nominated Devin

C. Weber seconds

Gary Popkin nominated

David and Daniel

1 expressed abstention

1 daniel

2 david

5 devin

2 abstain

Vice chair

Gary nominated Daniel

Devin nominated Matthew

Daniel 6

Matthew 3

Treasurer

Gilbert elected by acclamation



Secretary  
Bradford - 7  
Matthew - 2

**Adjourn - 9:41pm**