

Minutes for the The Ron Paul Revolution: Pittsburgh Area Freedom Activists City Subgroup Meeting

Meeting: Inaugural City Sub-Group Meeting

Date/Time: 03.10.2008 @ 7:30 PM – 12:30 AM

Location:

Panera Bread (7:30 PM – 9:00 PM)

Boulevard of the Allies

3401 Boulevard of the Allies

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh (9:30 PM – 12:30 AM; impromptu extension of meeting, i.e., “hanging out”)

Attendance (7): Adam, Dave, Eric, Gary, Jerry, Nick, Robert

1. About the Pittsburgh Area Freedom Activists group

- a. **The reason for creation:** The 97 group was created solely to support Ron Paul in Western PA during the 2008 Presidential election. Therefore, to continue the revolution and the freedom movement, the 1834 group was created for those that wish to remain or become active toward this endeavor.
- b. **Political affiliation:** The group will remain uncommitted to any political party or political candidate. The inclusion of Ron Paul in the name of the group is for honorary purposes only since he was the man that brought us all together.
- c. **Political action:** If appropriate, the group may endorse and support candidates that embody the group’s mission statement.
- d. **Mission statement:** We need one that clearly and concisely describes the short- and long-term goals and objectives of the group. The foundation of the group’s mission statement should center on preserving liberty and freedom.

- e. **Goals and objectives:** To educate and inform the general population and legislators about the fundamentals of US domestic and foreign policy; to spread the message and recruit new members.

2. Keeping the Group Successful

- a. Participate in events and report back to the group.
- b. Form a close-knit group of friends.
- c. Summer camping trip at Raccoon State Park (Revolution Fest).
- d. More social events (movies, dinners, etc.).
- e. Book parties to discuss relevant books.
- f. Maintain contact information of members for easier communication, e.g., phone numbers, emails, chat program screen names, etc.

3. Plans for Educating the Public and Legislators

- a. Neighborhood/city meetings, seminars, workshops, etc. about the Constitution, monetary policy, etc.
- b. Libertarian U. Pitt group (Dave)
- c. Revolution Project at U. Pitt (Lionel)

4. Getting Active

- a. Fill seats for local offices. They're empty! Develop a local platform towards state representative, etc.
- b. Talking to family, friends, and neighbors.
- c. Create activist cards. Postcards sent to state representatives about feelings on key issues, e.g., "As a constituent of your district, I strongly oppose bill fubar and will not vote for you if you support it."

5. Ron Paul Campaign

- a. Receiving 8 pallets of campaign materials. Figure out location to receive delivery (resolved).
- b. Begin canvassing for Ron Paul and delegates. Use precinct leader system on campaign site.

6. **Real ID Protest**

- a. Get the word out about the hearing on March 13, 2008.
- b. Contact state representatives to support Real ID non-compliance bills.
- c. Aaron Bollinger would like to train people to become “liberty lobbyists.”

7. **Potential Group Affiliations**

- a. Republican Liberty Caucus
- b. Freedom Force International
- c. Ballot Access Coalition
- d. PA Clean Sweep

8. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Ben Bernanke may be on the Twitter network.
- b. Internship programs for students with liberty-minded politicians.
- c. Change PA primaries to open.