

Membership & Dues

Karen listed all attendees. Robert to get membership info from "747" to Karen soon. As agreed last meeting, \$5 chipped in by each for current meeting.

Report on Web Page

- Domain purchased. tnliberty.org
- On server in Clifton's basement. This will provide better security.
- The page is "up", but not active yet.
- The page will have "blog" and "discussion" capabilities.
- Dave also setup a page that he is working on: ronpaulac.org (AC=Anderson County).
- "747" page has been renewed for 3 months. Members felt the name should remain associated with Ron Paul instead of our new movement, until the election is over.

Treasury

TJ reported we had \$45 last week.

Mission Statement/Vision Slogan

Mark and Debi Boody led the discussion on these topics, passing out several examples for each. Much discussion ensued about the offerings with emphasis given to:

- Brevity in the Vision Slogan, with emphasis on "peoples' rights".
- "Limiting Government" in the Mission Statement.
- Attracting as many people as we can to our group (not just "Libertarians"), that basically agree with our concepts
- Keeping attention from being drawn to us as being "radical". We need members for clout.

These drafts are to be posted on the web page and members are asked to comment and come prepared to help finalize both at the next meeting.

Constitution and Bylaws

A Knoxville Libertarian Template was produced that could serve as our model for our versions. It will be posted on the web for member reviews. Comments welcomed.

Book Club

- Maggie Martin is heading this up, but she and Ray were unable to attend due to illness.
- "The Genius of Impeachment" was voted the choice for the 1st book review.
- The meeting will be at the Gourmet Cafe in Oak Ridge at 6:30pm, tentatively set for 08 April (Tuesday). PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR DATE VERIFICATION, AS THIS WAS NOT DEFINITE.
- The chosen book is available in paperback form, new and used, on the internet (e.g.: Amazon).

Officers

Pro-tem selections were made (volunteered) until a final determination by the members is conducted. They are: Dave Drum (Chair), Mark Boody (Vice Chair), TJ Garland (Treasurer), Robert Humphries (Secretary). John Sebastian pointed out that any organization MUST have at least a secretary to be recognized in any meetings with the State of TN.

Next Activity--attend City Council Meeting--Monday, 17 March 2008--7pm

We plan to stand up and protest against:

- Red Light Camera proposal. Unconstitutional (invasion of privacy). Not really effective. Expensive.
- \$250,000 to be spent to come up with new "City Slogan".
- The City's meeting agenda will be posted on the web Friday, 14 March.

Media Handbook

A suggestion was raised that TN Liberty Alliance have a "Media Handbook" so we will learn to have answers to questions from them at our fingertips. TJ Garland suggested that such a book already exists, by the title of: "Harry Brown--A to Z". Members are encouraged to check it out and make comments, or to come up with other suggestions. Robert Humphries suggested that every topic/question/issue be addressed on a "features and benefits" approach, as used in sales. Example: Eliminate Government sponsored Health Care. Benefit: You will have MORE money in your pocket, and MORE control over the quality of your health care.

TN Liberty Alliance at Univ. of Tennessee

Katie Treneff (ktreneff@yahoo.com) reported that they have recruited an advisor for the group who had served in a similar capacity for another group in the past. They have (9) members as of this writing. It will be up and going soon.

Real ID

Richard Esparza said that Mark Lerner (stoprealidcoalition.blogspot.com) is from MO or KS and is willing to help others attack this issue. He is willing to speak, with need for only \$\$ on expenses. The State of Tennessee has gotten an extension for implementation, giving appearances of stopping RealID, but only on the basis of not being able to fund it. Governor Bredesen is in favor of it. State Senators and Reps don't like to go against Bredesen. We don't know what the next governor will say. Someone thought it might be Frist. Other states are working to defeat RealID on the basis that it is unconstitutional. TN does not appear to be one of them. Laura and Cheryl Jones seem to know Mark Lerner. Richard is to look into getting him hooked up with us.....somehow.

TJ Garland is going to contact his friend at the Agriculture Dept and asked what the thinking is in Nashville (take a pulse).

It was decided to put this subject on the Agenda for next meeting, as there is a lot of interest in this.

Next meeting---2weeks---Tentative

Check the web for accuracy on this, but the next meeting was tentatively set for: 25 March 2008.
Site not mentioned.