



Regular Meeting in Wasco, OR, 97065

Date: 01/29/2024

In attendance:

Party Officers:	Party Members:	Observers:
Travis West	Amanda West	Perry Thurston
Kristine West		Will Hobson
Josh Ball		
James Alley		

Meeting began at 1816.

Agenda presented by Travis West, Chair. No motion, pending quorum.

Minutes from January 2024 regular meeting moved for review at the end of the meeting.

Consent Agenda – None.

Open Forum – None.

Reports of Officers:

Chair – Travis West

Travis wants the SCLP to be more active on social media. He will start contributing to the SCLP accounts himself. He will be sharing memes and content that may be controversial and edgy, but thought-provoking.

Kris and Travis need to update the officers with the State of Oregon.

Vice-Chair – James Alley

Talked about shooting firearms with local women from the county.

Treasurer – Kristine West

No changes, however, she has been unable to reimburse Travis for the gun class because she needed approved minutes. Approved minutes are needed to get some counter checks.

Secretary – Josh Ball  
NSTR

Public Policy Officer – Josh Ball  
NSTR

No other reports.

Unfinished and New Business

2024 Strategy –

Will commented that the Sherman County LP is the most active and official in Oregon. He said the LP has been gimped by infighting between the different factions within the group. He would like to show that it's good to join the LP now because they can be involved in the structure (voice) going forward. He proposes to use the Sherman County LP as a showcase county to show how to improve the stigma of the past party. He said this could be a Beachhead Strategy – contributing money and volunteer hours to Sherman County and try to run competitive races for house. Focus on one race. Advocate outside the system. Attack on multiple fronts. Freedom Festival (NW version of the Porcupine Festival. Conservative people and values. Bring it all together... economic festival (guns, agriculture, ect.). Network and gel to create our own economy in Central Oregon/Sherman County. Suggestion was made to use Justison's Ranch as a venue space. He said we can't afford a paper ballot for the state. Host a space for online. State level convention primaries. Suggested Wasco Event Center or Hotel Moro (end of spring) and electronically.

Discussion about social media online presence. 3% of followers see Facebook. Travis sends out two emails before meetings, 2/3 see it. James offered to do an in kind contribution of buying people their first beer to come to a meeting. Discussed a Free Beer night w/ LP sponsor.

Local Classes/Courses/Workshops -

- Stop the bleed/First aid: Tabled for Shawn Payne.
- Bitcoin meetups: Another will be planned for February, but probably in Wasco County.
- Soapmaking: Will organize in Spring.

Scholarship –

- Tabled further discussion pending info from Brad Lohrey.

Constitutional Carry –

- Due soon for turn-in.

Intern –

- Pitched to a high school class, but no interest from anyone yet. We need to post something online about it.

New Business –

- Encourage our principles and philosophies. Liz Cranston invited the LP to a PTO event. A table or a booth. James suggested changing our name so more people will stop and see/check us out. He said something spicier. A nickname, maybe including the SCLP porcupine.

Agenda presented by the Chair, Josh Motion to approve, Amanda Second. Agenda approved unanimously.

Minutes from the November 2023 regular meeting were presented by the Chair. Josh Motion to approve, Amanda Second. Minutes approved unanimously.

Good of the Order -

- Perry brought up the speeding and safety problem in front of the high school. Perry has met with Brad Lohrey and Mark Holtz. Nothing negative from the community, lots of support from the community. He is willing to listen to opposing views. Sounds like he is wanting help in making this go forward. He said he's not wanting the LP to endorse it. Josh said the LP doesn't want more government but we do agree that something needs to be done. Perry again reiterated that he is just being informative and is hoping that something will move forward. He plans to attend the school board to discuss with them. He did say that farmers may not approve of the suggestions for a crosswalk and school zone speed way before the school because it will cause congestion there. Josh mentioned that we should advocate for local controls of the highways; the State is not doing its job. Perry finished by saying it would benefit Moro by slowing the speed into town. Publicize through minutes. Josh motioned to decentralize control of the highways by privatizing them. James second, but this motion/second was a joke.

Next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2024 at 1800 at the Dirty Cowgirl.

Meeting adjourned 1911.