

**Minutes of the regular Executive Committee Meeting of the LPM for February 8,
2004**

Call to Order at 1:00 PM

Secretary absent, minutes to be taken by Tom Quinn

Officer Reports:

Vice-Chair (Paul Hitch): Looking for Fundraising Coordinator

Treasurer (Jerry Bloom):

- Raised questions regarding current insurance
- Federal election laws restricts us and forces decision making
- Financial Report

Committee Reports:

State Office Committee: (Gelineau, Donahue)

- Office phone numbers are 517-853-1900 and 888-373-3669 (FREE-NOW)
- Old computer to be returned to owner (Ben)
- Phone calls to old office to be forwarded to new office -- Bloom to implement
- A scanner is being donated
- Copier in building to be used for casual copying; retail outlet for larger jobs.
- Discussion on new equipment that is needed -- Motion by Donahue, Second by Hitch, to authorize Chairman and/or Treasurer to spend up to \$1000 for new computer hardware, software, printer, monitor. -- Ayes all.
- Inventory needs to be done at Hazel Park office and items made available to owners -- Schwartz to oversee.

Membership Committee: (Joswiak)

- Sent out 38 new member packets
- No information received regarding lapsed members, working to obtain from NIDUS

Political Issues Committee: (Sherman)

- Discussion on MCRI -- Tim O'Brien explained the campaign, looking for Area Coordinators. Jennifer Gratz was also present.
- Motion by Miller, second by Sherman, to accept ballot language and

enthusiastically endorse the efforts of the MCRI. Ayes all.

- Chair questioned how he can formally complain about Kent County ISD officials improperly promoting millage proposal. Schwartz answered.

Website Committee:

There is a problem with updates from National overwriting local information. The automatic download is to be turned off and Bloom will do manual updates.

Newsletter: (Lewis)

Jamie Lewis is new editor; Next issue is ready to go; Next deadline will be April 1 as the newsletter is to be sent out before convention.

Affiliates: (Hitch)

Encourages participation with MCRI.

Candidates Committee: (Schwartz)

Articles in LPM Newsletter asking for candidates; Wanting active candidates for University Boards; Discussion regarding candidate filing issues

Farm Team Committee: (Collver)

Discussed "Just One" with Van Buren; Meeting with affiliates; Working on college intern program; Discussed fund raising for Farm Team

Old Business:

- Extensive discussion on State Convention, much work done by platform committee. Motion by Schwartz, second by Donahue to adopt Convention schedule. Ayes all.
- Stuart Ruley estate still in limbo. Lawyer Sheridan has not acted. Perhaps resolution by Convention date.
- Affiliate insurance discussed. For a \$25 fee local affiliates can have events covered through LPM policy. LPM coverage is not \$2,000,000

New Business:

- Bloom recommended having an LEC meeting on March 14 in old office.
- Executive Session entered into at 5:00
- Executive Session terminated at 5:17, meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Tom Quinn

February 9, 2004