

LP of Southwest Michigan Monthly Affiliate Meeting

August 4, 2015

Start time: 6pm

Gallagher's Eatery and Pub (the Coach's corner room)

4210 Stadium Dr.

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Meeting Agenda

6pm, hour 1 (optional to all except affiliate officers)

- Roll call
- Previous Meeting minutes
- Treasurer report
- MLP outreach at the Allegan County Fair and Parade – volunteers needed!
- Planning for the Statue of Liberty photo-op (more description on back)
- Any other new business

7pm, hour 2 (optional to all)

Presentation by local Farmer/resident John Stears

Farming Rights are being eroded by state and local government

- Local Issue call to action- Government trampling farmer's rights in Brady Township!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/files/Greening/Article_Files/RTFA_SiteGAAMP_InfoGraphicV2_20140515_ByMDARD.pdf
http://www.bradytwp.org/Brady_LandUse-Map_24x36_P.pdf

If Time permits

- Open microphone

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The Statue of Liberty Photo-OP - We have learned from being in parades that the Statue of Liberty is a real crowd pleaser. People love to see it and talk about it. With this in mind, a plan was formulated to use the statue as a visible and symbolic way to connect with the local community. Details are still being worked out, but here are the highlights of the plan:

- Park the Statue at the side of busy roads in the area with a large sign announcing "free photo with the Statue of Liberty". A large Libertarian Party sign will also be there. Lorence Wenke used this same strategy during his campaign for the Michigan Senate, he called it "stop and chat". Lorence met and talked with many local people using this approach. Lorence is providing the vehicle and the signs to do this, affiliate members are being asked to donate time for this effort.
- A couple of volunteers will be there with the statue to take the picture and get an email address from those that stop
- In order to receive the free picture, those that stop will need to provide an email address where it can be sent
- Those that stop will be politely asked about issues they care about (local and national) and if they feel that the major parties are addressing these needs.
- This information will be logged, analyzed, and ultimately used to craft a custom message for Southwest Michigan voters that is true to the LP platform.
- Libertarian literature and possibly the worlds smallest political quiz will be available
- Pictures will be emailed out for free along with an invite to the monthly meeting, a link to the Facebook page, a link the LP of SWMI page, and whatever else we can put in an email to promote Libertarianism at the local, state, and national level.
- If this goes over well the process will be refined and repeated as much as we can find the people to do it
- Actual costs for this activity should be minor but potential exposure for the LP of SWMI is big