

Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan  
Monthly affiliate meeting  
6PM, Tuesday May 5, 2015

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Hour 1 (6PM -7PM)

- Meeting called to order
- Roll call
- Previous Meeting minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Opposition to Prop 1 outcomes
- 2015 Convention update
  - Planning is complete, convention starts this Saturday at 8AM
  - Campaign Letter from Kim Moore, State Party Treasurer (attached)
  - Campaign Letter from Karl Jackson, State Party Membership Chair (attached)
- Any new business or proposals

Hour 2 (7PM – 8PM)

- Open microphone



# **Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan Passes Resolution Opposing Proposal 1**

## **Group Opposes Hefty Tax That Would Affect Michigan Families**

Kalamazoo, April 7, 2015 – The Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan unanimously passed a resolution urging the citizens of Michigan to oppose the upcoming May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal. The resolution highlights the increase in state taxes and the effect it will have on Michigan taxpayers. “This proposal includes massive tax increases that will have an impact on every taxpayer’s wallet in the state. We are being sold that this is a silver bullet to fix years, if not decades of legislative failure to adequately fund our roads,” said Jason Brandenburg, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan. “Cost cutting solutions to allocate more money to our roads without a tax increase have been given to the legislature by many think tanks over the past few years, yet those continued to be ignored. The proponents of this proposal are using the scare tactic that if you do not vote for this, schools will receive less money and people will die due to the condition of our roads,” he added.

The group discussed in their monthly meeting after passing the proposal that they are not opposed to the improvement of the state’s infrastructure, but would like to see it done without asking the taxpayers of the state for another tax increase. “We all drive on these roads and know improvements need to be made, but the solution is more complex than just more money. We need to look at how the money is being spent and the quality of the repairs to ensure we are getting most out of the money we do allocate.”

The Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at Gallaghers Eatery and Pub. For more information visit their website [www.kazoolp.org](http://www.kazoolp.org)

Thank you for the confidence that has been shown to me while I've been treasurer of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

Tonight I am sharing with you the goals that I have for the Libertarian Party of Michigan as Chair. This can not be done without a great team behind me as my whole design is based off of a strong team structure. Being that this is a strong team dynamic I have decided to also endorse a few people:

Choosing of the members campaigning for Vice Chair for me is easy: Karl Jackson has been bringing the affiliates together already in the Growing Liberty Campaign. He has ideas on making sure our leadership is trained properly and he has been working diligently on the new database structure for the membership coordinator in order that anyone who has the ability to review it can have access to it instead of depending on multiple levels of requests. He is already a community leader being a pastor and knows how to work with several different personalities helping them when they have questions, and inspiring them to do their best. He is the type of man I would want in a position that calls directly for his abilities.

For treasurer I am well aware the information and experience that is needed. I believe that professional training and experience are a must for this position. I would highly advise that someone with at LEAST a business degree if not an accounting degree be nominated for this position. And I have decided to endorse Jonathon Osment for this position. He has a business degree AND a large knowledge of Excel (which is what ALL of the treasurers information is stored on). Beyond the business aspect though he has an eagerness to serve the party to the best of his abilities, and his abilities also extend to knowledge of internet operation. Due to my lack in this area I've had to lean on people who have knowledge of certain on-line apps and give them minor access to some financial applications for computer maintenance purposes. Jonathon would not need that, making our accounts more secure than ever as he would be able to set up payment buttons and such himself.

Lastly, I will endorse the person who will most likely be nominated to run against me as an at large. He is the cross between groups that can calm the waters between personalities of our party. He knows a good idea when he hears one and is always ready to help where he can. He is at his best when he is working on a one on one basis whether it be with a single person or with the advocate of an affiliate. This man will be needed to help the polarized personalities to come to common ground. This man is Arnie Davidsons.

There are many others that I would like to have on the LEC, but these are the people that I am aware that are seeking positions at this time that I would like to endorse. In the next few days you may be seeing a few more.

I hope you enjoy the presentation of my campaign.

Thank you for taking your time to be introduced to my vision for the party.

Kimberly Moore,  
Treasurer

## LPM Affiliate's Working for Change-Karl Jackson VC Candidate

First of all , thank you so much for those of you who responded to the past couple of emails I've sent out and those who wanted to support in my run for Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oakland county but said they weren't able to make it. I did win that seat and I'm looking forward to a very productive year on the county level. Of course you also know from other emails that I'm also looking to win the seat of Vice Chair of the state party at our state convention on May 9th in Kalamazoo.

This past week I attended a meeting of our county's Board of Commissioners and while I know government folks are generally big spenders of our tax dollars, I didn't realize how OFTEN they actually reach into the till for so many UNNECESSARY things. One thing I picked up at that meeting, had to deal with this bill (**Prop 1**) which we are to vote on **May 5th**. I learned that the first two years of that money, which we will immediately be paying, is not going to go to our roads at all. Its going to pay back 2 years of debt and during that time the roads are even going to deteriorate even more.

They say by voting yes and raising our taxes to do this , its going to bring money to our schools. Why not help those schools out by stopping this 125 Million dollar senate building project or bringing back a part-time legislature. That would give us millions for the schools and the road situation. By partnering with the " Committee to Restore Michigan's Part-time Legislature" we can work to get at least one on of those issues resolved. If elected Vice Chair of LPM its one of the many victories I'd like to say LPM worked hard with others to make happen.

Government is waaay too big, especially here in Michigan and there are some things we can do to change it. As VC, the plan is to monthly work to keep the county affiliate leaders equipped with up to date information on issues like this and others. By working with them in coordinating and promoting small town meetings , the affiliates can become local information stations. They can also become places where viable solutions can be developed to address the issues

When our communities SEE we are doing something other than meeting to be meeting and that we are actually doing something to make change, they'll begin to see the same passion for liberty that the founders had ..... and where dedicated passion is seen, there will be growth.

If you haven't joined or restated your membership, I'd like you to, so you can support me in this endeavor on May 9th in Kalamazoo. Below is the link to click on to make that happen

**Link: <http://michiganlp.org/>**

Trust you will be with us there

In liberty  
Karl Jackson