



ACLU Chico
Minutes of the 02.21.08 Chico ACLU meeting.
813 Nord Avenue
Chico, CA 95926

1. Welcome and Introductions – Bill S.

Bill S. Goes over the agenda, talks about CACLU organization, committee establishment, and introduces Charlie, “the protector” of Chico’s college students. Leslie wants to add time to talk about membership recruitments and announcements.

2. Review Past Meeting – Greg B.

Greg B. Reviews the past CACLU meeting: two motions passed: adopting the CACLU by-laws, and the letter to the City of Chico Internal Affairs Committee regarding the Disorderly Events Ordinance; adhering to ACLU guidelines and structures, etc... and the Kick-off meeting April 5th, 2008 at the Park Tower Pavilion. Minutes are adopted by unanimous approval.

3. Review interim secretary role – Greg B.

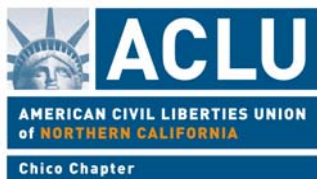
Greg B. talks about adhering to ACLU guidelines as far as recording and transcribing the minutes of the CACLU meetings: that he wasn’t sure what ACLU guidelines might, if they exist, for taking and transcribing minutes of ACLU meetings. Greg B. states he’d like to record the meetings and transcribe a summary of the minutes of the meetings.

Member indicates that he has experience taking minutes and indicates that taking and transcribing meetings minutes is time consuming and could take up “all of you life”. Greg B. indicates he has experience as a Secretary in two previous organizations, has obtained professional transcription software, and re-emphasizes that the transcription would be a summary.

Member asks what Greg B. would do with the recording after he transcribes them. Greg B. indicates he would transcribe the minutes of the CACLU meetings, and once the minutes were approved he could either delete the recordings of the meetings or archive them, if so directed. Members discuss privacy issues, but the general consensus is that once the minutes are approved, the recordings should be deleted. Motion is made and passed to delete recordings of the meetings once the minutes of meetings have been passed.

4. Interim Chapter Organization Discussion – Leslie J.

Leslie J. & Bill S. discuss CACLU chapter organization, with Leslie talking about getting an interim Treasurer. Bill S. introduces Amy S. as a candidate for interim Treasurer. Leslie asks Amy for a short biography, including ACLU memberships and other organizations. Amy S. states she is the resident manager at the Park View apartments and is a home schoolteacher; and has previous organizational experience with the



International Institute of Education for the Arts. Leslie J. makes motion to accept Amy S. as the interim CACLU Treasurer. Motion is seconded and passed unanimously. Leslie J. also states that it is needed to vote Greg B. as interim Secretary for the CACLU. Motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

Leslie brings up the issue of the Treasury: how to handle the money, i.e. whether donations can stay with CACLU, with membership fees sent to San Francisco. Bill S. refers to Shayna G. on the issue of a bank account and talks with members about setting up a bank account for chapter donations. Bill S. and members talk about donations and membership fees, both, being routed through a CACLU bank account for accountability. Bill S. states that the membership fees sent to NCACLU, if coded properly, will come back to CACLU, with a bank account being set up for donations. Leslie J. states that in the first year all membership fees come back from NCACLU to CACLU for CACLU purposes; and that Amy S. can record all transactions; member speaks to keeping track of fees and donations for tax purposes. Member suggests that this issue be tabled until Amy S. gets clear direction from NCACLU on this issue. Members agree to this by voice.

Leslie asks that members go around the room and introduce themselves.

Leslie talks about the necessity of appointing an interim CACLU Chairperson. Member nominates Bill S., with motion being seconded and passed unanimously. Member states that CACLU also needs a Co-Chairperson. Member nominates Leslie J. as Co-Chairperson, with motion being seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Board of Directors discussion – Leslie J.

Leslie asks if there are other members wanting to be on the CACLU BOD. Members present state their tentative interest. Leslie J. talks about BOD bios and outreach to the greater CACLU region: with Chico State students and minorities. Jessica indicates that march 15th is a potential deadline to get your bio in to the CACLU so Shayna can create a package to send out. Leslie indicates that there is no hard deadline to be a candidate voted on at the Kick-Off meeting.

Leslie and members discuss CACLU BOD duties: that the BOD has to meet at least every-other-month, but she's like the CACLU to meet monthly; provide leadership, policy, direction, executive committees elected by the BOD. Member states he'd like students on the BOD.

6. Disorderly Events Ordinance Activism Status – Jessica & Bill

Jessica A. and Bill S. discuss the City of Chico Internal Affairs meeting on the Disorderly Events Ordinance. Jessica states that most present at this meeting did not support the ordinance; with Bill S. stating that only one person present seemed to support the law as a test to be modified later, based on experience with this law. Jessica A. stated that the Chico City Attorney, Lori Barker, will be reviewing the ordinance, and that there will be another meeting on March 18th, 2008. Jessica A. stated that Lori Barker asked the



previous city attorney, David Frank, for advice on the ordinance (outside counsel). Member asks whether any in the audience suggested any outside counsel. Bill S. stated that both Pat D. and Michael R. from the ACLU had submitted written opinions, so the city has received outside counsel opinion (against) on this the law.

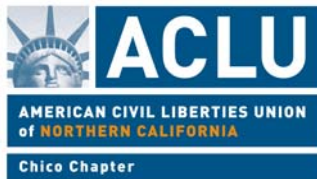
Members discuss about whether time could be provided so one could review the draft of the ordinance, provide input before it was published; whether the law was enforceable before it was finalized. Members discuss whether the revisions to the ordinance would go back to the internal affairs committee or it would go to city council. Member states that she believes the ordinance is now in force, and the process now occurring is studying any recommendations to modify the existing law by Chico City Council at a later date. Member indicates that this review process will still go through internal affairs, and that there will be at least two more meetings, perhaps a major rewrite, including a recommendation to Chico City Council.

Member inquiries about whether the ACLU should go ahead and challenge the ordinance on its face or as applied. Member answers that if the ordinance is not amended to the satisfaction of the ACLU, that there will be a recommendation to take the City of Chico into federal court. Member asks whether the City of Chico knows that a lawsuit is an option. Member answers that the city knows what will happen if the law remains as it is, that the city has been notified, in writing, by the ACLU that the law is unconstitutional. Member states that Larry Wahl, Chico City Council member, stated to the Chico Enterprise Record that the ACLU threatened a lawsuit over the ordinance. Members discuss the costs of a lawsuit and potential fund-raising for any potential lawsuit.

Member discusses how the police are obligated to protect lawful demonstrations by the public; that it is questionable to have laws such as the Disorderly Events ordinance that pre-empts, not only constitutional rights, but laws in effect that obligate the police to protect lawful demonstrations. Members discuss that existing laws provide for arresting riotous disruptive elements in public protest, but still protect lawful citizens; that laws such as the Disorderly Events ordinance could be used to shut-down and arrest all participants in a protest after planting agents provocateur to disrupt a protest. Member suggests that the Disorderly Events ordinance is a cost-saving mechanism that provides Chico a means to shut down an entire protest, event, saving man-hours (overtime) that would be expended to continue to monitor remaining demonstrators.

Member brings up that he knew someone that published a party invitation on MySpace, only to find the Chico PD patrolling in the vicinity of this party, and then arriving at the house, despite there being no complaints, to have the hosts sign documents acknowledging their responsibility for the event. Members discuss overtime, empire building by the Chico PD and FD; Chico PD practices to justify their budgets, and writing laws that are discriminatory in their application towards one sub-group, and not all citizens.

Member talks about researching other ordinances elsewhere, patterns and practices, that act to squelch free speech and right to assembly. Member does not see



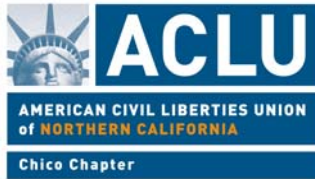
conspiracies or controversy other than a local police culture doing what they do; provide safety for their communities. Other members disagree stating that the police chief (Hagerty) works for Homeland Security, has a history of supporting and authoring such laws like the Disorderly Events ordinance (Quiet Riot law, SB 327) and subsequently wrote the current law, based on SB 327, and stated that he has made statements that he (Hagerty) would use this law to shut-down student parties and protests. Member indicates that it is hard to tell what the intent was and the context of, statements made in public, and published by the media. That the best thing to do was to bring Hagerty to a meeting of the ACLU and ask him what his positions are, what incidents were in his mind when he proposed such a law. Another member indicates that it was Hagerty's public statements in support of this law that aroused public scrutiny against the law (Quiet Riot law, SB 327), forcing its author to rescind action on it.

Member talks about what are the pretexts are for substantiating the passage of this law? Were there incidents that brought about the need for this law? How many bottle were thrown, etc...? Members respond by saying that were some three separate incidents where bottles were thrown, some at the police, with the Chico City Manager asking that something be done. Member states that perhaps it would be good to bring the police chief to a meeting of the ACLU, to bring the public in to demonstrate to city council and the press that there is significant public concern about these types of law, that could, from all we know, be test case laws that come from Washington; used to see if they can be passed and withstand legal challenge in the courts. Members discuss mobilizing people, orchestrating public support, writing letters, get publicity and hold city council accountable. Member states that we need to keep the pressure up to get the law repeal.

Member calls for point-or-order, stating that meeting has gone beyond its agenda preview of discussing the Disorderly Events ordinance to one of taking action on the ordinance and, perhaps, this item could be talked about later under activism and committee establishment. There was general voice agreement.

7. Kick-Off Meeting Discussion – Jessica

Jessica A. reports the CACLU has the Park Tower Pavilion from 3:30 p.m. to midnight. That we need to recruit people for the various tasks, i.e. a clean-up crew, that the deposit for the facility would be \$500.00 and that was refundable if we cleaned the place up. The bands the Pub Scout's and Jeff Pershing are confirmed. The hard part will be getting a good PA system and a sound person. There was discussion on whether to pay one sound person \$100.00, ask him to work for free, donating his time, or asking another sound person, who has worked with Jessica A. previously to donate his time with his sound system. It was noted that \$100.00 is not that much for spending 5 hours setting up and taking down equipment that needing to be brought to the event, and that donator burnout is an issue here in Chico. A motion was made to pay the \$100.00; it was seconded and passed unanimously. Jessica A. stated that with the amount of the \$500,00 that was actually being paid (\$150.00) and the \$100.00 for the sound guy, we were only out \$250.00, not counting food and drinks, advertisement, etc...

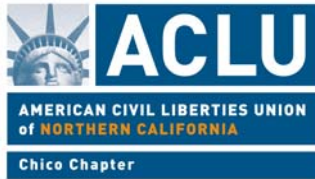


Leslie J. states that Pom Frites will do a veggie noodle salad, as part of a salad bar/buffet. Jessica A. states she has a friend who can do desserts and another who can donate fresh (**cross-talk/unintelligible**). Leslie J. asks for volunteers to do salads. Jessica A. states that Roca Vineyards will be a drink sponsor. Any sponsors get their logo on our ticket. Jessica A. states she called Sierra Nevada, to talk to their donations person, but nothing firm yet. Leslie J. talks about the alcohol options: either get a permit (**cross-talk/unintelligible**)...Jessica A. states that the ACLU can borrow KZFR's permit, that her source is Peter R. Member asks about sponsorship: what does it entail. Jessica A. targets a sponsored donations anywhere from \$200.00 to \$250.00 to get a name on a flyer and the ticket...Bill S. states that the CACLU could have table sponsors, ticket sponsors, stratified sponsors based on donation levels. Bill S. and one other member state they will buy a sponsor table. Member asks whether there are traditional ACLU sponsors like banks or real estate agencies. Bill S. responds that he wants the ACLU to join the Chico Chamber of Commerce, that there are supporters in the business community.

The conversation shifts to tickets for the events. Members suggest \$10.00 or \$20.00. Member asks how many people will attend the event. Estimates range from 100 to 200, with Bill S. stating that the CACLU should target 200 tickets sold (distributed). Bill S. states he will design the tickets. Ticket sponsor logos are talked about. Member inquiries as to how the CACLU will get all of the sponsors' names on the tickets. Bill S. indicates there will be differing levels of sponsorship that could include ticket sponsors, balloon sponsors, etc... Leslie J. inquiries as to how much should the CACLU charge for tickets, suggesting \$15.00 might be good, with \$25.00 for those who want to join the ACLU. Bill S. states a \$20.00 price with the funds going straight to the NACLU. Jessica A. suggest \$5.00 for students. Members discuss the feasibility of this ticket price; with Bill S. stating he talked to Shayna, and the CACLU would get all of the ticket money back from the NACLU. Members discuss whether the Kick-Off is a fund-raiser or a membership drive, with some members stating that it is both, that the CACLU should give out free tickets to donators like the sound person and the bands playing at the event. Members discuss the financial viability of giving away tickets, selling table sponsorship...whether there will be enough tickets sold to make money. Bill S. states that the event will be viable, that already there are two to three tables sold. Member suggests broadcasting the event live via radio, as he has seen done around Chico and could be a good way to get the word out.

Member talks about getting the word out about the CACLU and the event at the Park Tower Pavilion using the Internet. A URL for people to visit to find out about and how to join the CACLU is a website is at www.acluchico.org with the CACLU blog named BLOG YOU, located at <http://blog.acluchico.org/>.

Member states he can help get the word out about the CACLU with the local TV (Linda Watkins Bennett) and radio news organizations. Members discuss media contacts, silent auctions, T-shirts, mugs, and ACLU merchandising; breweries being contacted for beer, coffee and tea contacts, that Jessica A. is the contact list person. Members mention organizations like Knudsen's and Spice Creek as potential sponsors. Members talk about the food and volunteer position organization: set-up, clean-up, food servers, bar



servers, an ACLU membership table, and ticket takers are needed. Bill S. and members state that we need a media representative, a mouthpiece to interface with the public and media at the event, and that this person should sit at the ACLU table. Richard J. volunteers for the job, stating that he has newspaper and media experience and “interviews well”.

Members discuss what Richard J.’s duties would be. Richard J. states that a press release was needed to “get the word out” about the Chico chapter of the ACLU and the Kick-Off event at the Park Pavilion; with Greg B. making a motion to make Richard J. CACLU’s interim Media Representative in charge of media outreach. During the discussion that follows there was some concern expressed on the duties of the interim Media Representative and the timing of the press release: making sure the press release contained information about Kick-Off event sponsors; just what information the press release and poster for the event should contain. Bill S. makes a motion to make Richard J. the interim Chapter Representative. Members discussed getting Shayna’s input on the press release; that the ACLU might have guidelines set out for press releases on how the ACLU presents itself. Richard J. and members discuss him contacting Shayna for direction on the press release and ACLU media contents. Motions to make Richard J. CACLU’s interim Media Representative or the interim Chapter Representative were not acted on.

Members begin discussion on the ACLU table: that the table should have information on topics that are germane to the interest of Chico citizens as a means of attracting Chico citizens to enroll in the CACLU. Members discuss getting a well-known speaker for the Kick-Off. Members discuss whether 3 bands might be too much; that if we are to have an election, tables, a speaker, drinking and dancing, 2 bands may be enough.

Bill S. moves to authorize the CACLU Kick-Off Committee, including Richard J., the latitude to prepare and disseminate all necessary CACLU press releases and media; to get the word out on the CACLU Kick-Off event April 5th 2008 at the Park Tower Pavilion, 2020 Park Avenue Chico. Bill S. motion not voted on.

8. Activism – Committee Establishment – Bill

Not covered in depth.

9. Schedule Next meeting - Bill

Members agree that the next meeting of the Kick-Off committee would take place at the Park View apartments 2590 California Park Drive, Thursday February 28th at 5:30 p.m. Members agree to have the next regularly schedule meeting of the CACLU on Thursday March 6th, 2008 at 813 Nord Avenue at 6:30 p.m.