

ACLU Chico
Minutes of the 03.06.08 meeting of the Chico ACLU
813 Nord Avenue
Chico, CA 95926

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Bill

Bill Sheridan talks about the formation of the Chico ACLU chapter (CACLU) and states information about our chapter can be found on the CACLU Website:
<http://www.acluchico.org/>.

Bill goes on to talk about the *actio ex delicto* for the formation of the CACLU being the City of Chico Disorderly Events (Chapter 9.40).

2. Roll call of board members present - Greg

Bill Sheridan introduces the four interim CACLU Board of Directors, and states meetings are conducted by Roberts Rules of Order.

3. Review and Approve 2/21 Minutes – Bill / Greg

Greg talks about the previous meeting: the discussions of Board members and anonymity, Secretary duties and procedures, resolutions passed, Kick-off event, uncertain status of Richard Judkins and questions on a point of fact concerning the "Quiet Riot" Senate Bill: was it SB 327 or 337; and the next step for the Disorderly Events order as inquired from the City of Chico Attorney, Lori Barker.

Motion made regarding ACLU member anonymity: to identify CACLU members by name when they are making motions; seconding motions, and those ACLU officers conducting business on the floor only. Motion made by Bill Sheridan and seconded by member. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by bill Sheridan to accept the February 21, 2008 minutes of the CACLU. Motion seconded with a proviso added that the February 21, 2008 CACLU minutes be amended to show that SB 327 is in fact SB 337. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report - Amy

Amy Zempel talks about the establishment of a CACLU bank account for donations and the distributed membership dues portion for the CACLU; and the need for authorized names on the account. Bill Sheridan recommends using Tri-Counties Bank; that we need an account for monies received, that we can set up an account, that we have an EIN for an account, that it is possible to have several board members on the account, but that two board members are needed to be on the account, that NCACLU owns the account, will forward the account statements to CACLU, with the NCACLU CFO indicating to Tri-counties the rules established for the account.



Leslie Johnson makes a motion that CACLU open a bank account at Tri-Counties Bank with Amy Zempel's and Bill Sheridan's names appearing on the signature card for the account, with this motion being seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Meeting Conduct & Rules of Order - Leslie

Leslie Johnson wants to start using a CACLU meeting facilitator to keep the meetings on track and on topic; and has brought a bell to be used to re-establish the "point of order" if an CACLU meeting becomes disorganized. Member state that they would like to use the Roberts Rules of Order to focus the CACLU meetings; with others stating they found the bell loud and rude: there is general consensus that the bell would not be used and CACLU would continue to use Roberts Rules of Order to conduct CACLU meetings.

6. Announcements – Leslie

Leslie asks for announcements from the floor:

- a. Rocio Guído announces that her organization, Alliance for Immigrants Rights, is organizing a march May 10, 2008 with Chico Peace & Justice for Immigrants Rights, Fair Trade; and is inviting members from the African American and Hmong Community to participate.
- b. Jessica Allen announces that there is going to be a puppet parade March 15th, Chico Downtown Plaza. Set up between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.
- c. Member mentions a directors meeting of Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control (Butte County Mosquito Abatement District) on March 12th, 2008 at 5117 Larkin Road Oroville, CA 95965 @ 7:30 p.m. Issue: West Nile Virus and spraying in Butte County.
- d. Member mentions the Celebration of Abraham vegetarian Pot Luck and Multi-cultural event at Faith Lutheran Church 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday March 9th, 2008.

7. Board of Directors solicitation update - Leslie

Leslie Johnson gives an update on CACLU Board of Directors candidates and "bios"; she has received some interest and bios, and for those who want to be on the board send Leslie and email and include any pertinent personal information, e.g. what you do, how long you've lived in the county, your interests, etc...that there will be an election for the board at the Kick-off Event April 5th, 2008. Leslie indicates the BOD guides policy and direction of CACLU and meets once per month. Leslie Johnson's email address is ljohnson@buttecourt.ca.gov. The deadline for bio submissions is March 15th, 2008.

8. Discuss and vote on Chico Chamber affiliation – Bill

Proposal: Bill Sheridan feels that the best way to build the CACLU is through education and he feels that if the CACLU joins the Chico Chamber of Commerce this is a proactive step in educating the public about ACLU issues. Bill Sheridan would like permission from



members to join the Chico Chamber of Commerce; and he will personally pay the \$315.00 dues.

Member indicates disagreement, stating that an affiliation could limit the ACLU effectiveness due to differing agendas on issues. Member asks how the outreach works. Bill Sheridan states Chambers members are as interested in their rights as is ACLU members. Bill states that through the Chamber the CACLU could send out flyers and mailers to Chamber members. Member inquires whether the CACLU would have to create a board position for a Chamber Liaison, that member is concerned that the CACLU (ACLU) could be subordinated to Chamber issues that conflict with those of the ACLU, and whether NCACLU has weighed in on this issue. Bill Sheridan states that Shayna Gelender thinks it is a great idea. Members indicate that it is a good idea as the ACLU could communicate to business those business practices that are questionable, and that the ACLU could educate business through this relationship. Member states that Chamber dues from the CACLU should come from the CACLU, not from an individual. Bill Sheridan indicates that 7% of Chamber membership is non-profit, and therefore there is an affinity for organization like the ACLU. Member asks whether the ACLU has joined other groups. None offered. Members indicate that they would like to see this issue tabled for more study. Member inquires whether the Chamber's political positions and positions of its PACs might run contrary to the positions of the ACLU, with the ACLU having little affect on the endorsements and positions of the chamber; whether the Chamber would be willing to be a corporate sponsor for the ACLU. Bill Sheridan states that with the chamber it's a one-way street, but the primary focus should be to get individual business ACLU members, not Chamber-wide endorsement. An informational and recruitment opportunity.

Jessica Allen makes a motion for Bill Sheridan to do some research and dialogue with the Chamber and come back to report to the CACLU in one month with a report. Motion seconded by many, and passed unanimously.

9. Kick-Off Meeting Discussion – Jessie

Jessica gives summary status report on the Kick-off Event. Issue: whether allowing ticket monies to be redeemable for membership at the door could lead to financial difficulties, as too many people showing up at the door wanting to purchase membership with their tickets could create a funding deficit in light of expenses being needed for Kick-off Event, i.e. supplies and media; as membership dues are sent to NCACLU and not immediately available for CACLU use. Bill Sheridan and Jessica Allen discuss creating/using some type of available "float" to cover the costs of the Kick-off Event, with Bill Sheridan stating he could talk to Shayna Gelender about this issue and offers to take responsibility for this potential issue. Member states that the concept of buying a ticket to the party doubling as a membership fee is a good idea.

Members discuss table clothes, beer keg donations, Butte Creek Brewery donating 2 or 3 kegs of beer, cups, foods, covering incidental costs, members selling tickets, printing tickets, creating a temporary float to cover incidental costs, and a list of needs (Excel



spreadsheet). Amy Zempel states that all of this financial information will be inserted in an Excel spreadsheet for review.

By consensus: the next Kick-off Events organizing committee meeting is to be held Thursday March 13th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., 813 Nord Avenue.

Amy Zempel initiates discussion on how to donate to the CACLU: the ACLU is not allowed to solicit funds by letter. The ACLU is allowed to exchange services/information for donations.

Members discuss making donations: make donations checks out to "ACLU Chico" or "Chico Chapter ACLU" that contain the Chico ACLU notation "CNS", which can be deposited to the CACLU bank account.

Jessica Allen states she has the tax ID number for the ACLU. Amy Zempel states that donations to national chapter of the ACLU are tax deductible, but donations to the Chico chapter of the ACLU are not; that national chapter is a 501C-3, but the Chico chapter is a 501C-4.

Evanne O'Donnell talks about tables at the event: At this date there are four tables taken: SF Invest, Michael Coyle, Friends of Evanne, Pat Donnelly.

Jessica Allen brings up the issue of hard alcohol: that Patrick Donnelly is willing to donate a bar with hard alcohol. The Issue is over serving hard alcohol: the safety hazard potential. Leslie Johnson states that hard alcohol is not a good idea; with Greg Burton stating that drinking hard alcohol could lead to a riot. Members discuss ameliorating any potential hazards related to over-drinking. In relation to drinking: Bill Sheridan wants to break the meeting up into an initial part that is serious, with the second part of the meeting being the "fun part".

Member makes motion that the CACLU accepts Patrick Donnelly offer of a hard alcohol bar at the Kick-off Event. Greg Burton wants to amend the motion to allow a "designated drivers" group or sub-committee to deal with any potential "over-drinkers". Bill Sheridan speaks of an "absolute safety paradigm" in regards to keeping the event safe in lieu of such a sub-committee. Motion is seconded as originally stated, seconded by several members and passed, with one dissent (Leslie Johnson).

10. Discuss media outreach, press releases for kickoff event – Bill

Bill Sheridan states that Richard Judkins will not return until mid-April so, in the meantime, Bill Sheridan indicates we need a replacement Media Outreach person to do press releases.

Jessica indicates that she might do the job, with Bob responding that she and the board have their hands full. Greg Burton offers that Bob Trausch would be a good candidate, as he is well known, respected, and is experienced in radio. Another member states that Bob Trausch is too well known, that we need an "ACLU face". Imran Khan is mentioned



as a candidate for Media Outreach Person. Bill Sheridan states that this position is only temporary until the CACLU board is set. Greg Tropea is mentioned as the provisional Media Outreach Person. Jessica Allen states that perhaps the CACLU should form a Media Committee that would be responsible for radio and newspaper contacts. Rocio Guído states that there is a problem with reaching all groups in the community and suggests a committee that has “many voices” that represent all groups. Leslie Johnson states that there should be one person designated as the Media Outreach, and it would be good to have a leader with a conservative face, as the CACLU does not need any potential “fringe group” connotations.

Bill Sheridan asks who might be interested in being on the Media Outreach Committee. Initially, Bill Sheridan, Jessica Allen, and Greg Tropea indicate interest.

Jessica and members discuss an organization meeting for this committee to be held at 7:00 p.m., March 13th, 2008 at 813 Nord Avenue, immediately after the Kick-off Event Committee meeting.

Greg Tropea, Evanne O’Donnell, and Rocio Guído discuss commitments that prevent immediate full participation in this committee and/or being the Media Outreach Person.

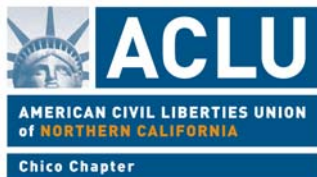
Member makes motion to make Jessica Allen the interim Media Outreach Person to head the Media Outreach Committee. Motion is seconded by several members and is passed unanimously.

11. Activism – Committee Establishment – Leslie

Leslie Johnson discussed ideas for CACLU committees, with the following potential committees and members listed:

- a. Disorderly Events Ordinance: Mike May, Evanne O’Donnell, Ann Ashley, Greg Tropea, Bill Sheridan, Jessica Allen, Tom Mathews.
- b. Outreach/Recruitment: Jessica Allen.
- c. Impeachment: Anne Blake.
- d. Disabled Rights: Sor Lo.
- e. National/Real ID: Peter Ratner.
- f. Student Affairs: Bill Sheridan, Charlie Pruesser, Peter Ratner.
- g. Immigrants’ Rights: Rocio Guído, Imran Khan, Monica, Sor Lo.
- h. Education: Amy Zempel, Rocio Guído.
- i. Surveillance/Counter-Intelligence: Greg Burton.
- j. Police Oversight: Ann Ashley, Bill Sheridan, Peter Ratner, Leslie Johnson.
- k. Worker’s Rights & Privacy: Tom Mathews.
- l. Hate Crimes: Rocio Guído.

By consensus: a meeting is set for the Disorderly Events Committee on Monday, March 17th, 2008 813 Nord Avenue at 6:00 p.m.



Bill Sheridan states that we can set up blogs for each of these committees, and we should properly categorize these issues within the ACLU hierarchy of issues.

Member makes a motion that, with the exception to the Disorder Events Committee, to table all committee organization discussion until next regular meeting of the CACLU. The motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

12. Schedule Next Meeting – Bill

By consensus: next meeting of CACLU will be on March 20th, 2008 at 813 Nord Avenue.

13. New Business

None Discussed

14. Adjourn – Informal Discussion