



Chico ACLU
06.09.08 Minutes
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1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order

Amy Zempel starts the meeting with introductions all around. Three visitors: Betty, Fernando, and Ann Blake, member, Impeachment Committee.

2. Roll Call of Board Members Present

Bill Sheridan, Leslie Johnson, Evanne O'Donnell, Pat Donnelly, Michael Coyle are not present.

3. Agenda Approval

No new items were added to the agenda: Motion made by Amy Zempel to approve the June 9th, 2008 agenda, seconded by Tom Mathews, and passed unanimously.

4. Approval May 27th minutes

There is discussion between Board members, visitors about board processes, how board minutes are summarized, Chico ACLU board vs. Chico ACLU committee jurisdictions, Chico ACLU committee meetings, and Chico ACLU committees formed before the board was formed (Impeachment).

Bob Trausch moves to accept the May 27th, 2008 minutes, seconded by Peter Ratner, and passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer Report

Amy Zempel states that the balance of the Treasury is \$4,982.83, with no new expenditures or income; and the financial reimbursement policy proposal drafted needs to be reviewed by the board for discussion and review at a later date.

Peter Ratner moves to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by members, and passed unanimously.

6. Gay/Lesbian Committee & Pride Fest Report

Emily Fisher reports that the Pride Fest was a success, that she gave a speech about the Chico Chapter of the ACLU and its activities, efforts to build the Chico ACLU LGBT Committee, AB 2920 compliance, ACLU web resources (see attached).

7. Immigrants' Rights Committee Report

Rocio Guido reports that the immigrants Rights Committee has created 2000 "Conozca Tu Derechos" cards at an expense of \$150.00, and are looking at a Spanish booklet for immigrants about immigrants rights, with an estimated cost of around 5/\$1.00. Richard Judkins reports that he has an immigrants' rights brochure he obtained from the Sand Diego chapter of the ACLU, and estimates a production cost of \$0.003 per brochure, with plans to print 1000 copies. Members discuss Chico ACLU developing their own "line" of brochures and products carrying its logo, tailored for the Chico chapter region. Members discuss what costs should be reimbursed at this meeting.

Amy Zempel makes a motion that the Chico ACLU reimburse the \$150.00 spent to make the 2000 "Conozca Tu Derechos" cards; with other cost reimbursements for immigration related cards, brochures, comic books, etc...be reimbursed at a later date; seconded by several, and passed unanimously.

8. Criminal Justice Committee

Michael Coyle is not present at the Chico ACLU board meeting, but has sent an email to the Secretary rescheduling the Restorative Justice meeting from Friday June 13th, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. at his house located at 286 east 3rd Avenue Chico, to Monday June 23rd, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. 286 east 3rd Avenue Chico. Greg Burton indicates that this meeting will conflict with the next regularly scheduled Chico ACLU meeting Monday June 23rd, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. 813 Nord Avenue Chico.

9. ACLU Impeachment Report



Greg Burton introduces Ann Blake, member, Chico ACLU Impeachment Committee. Greg Burton states that before the Chico Chapter of the ACLU formally adopted its board and bylaws, Ann Blake was on the Impeachment Committee named by the provisional board, and had stated she was going to report back to the board on the status of the ACLU's impeachment position.

Ann Blake, member, Chico ACLU Impeachment Committee, has distributed a document from the Marin Chapter of the ACLU regarding the impeachment of George W. Bush, President of the United States, and Dick Cheney, Vice-President of the United States; and inquiries about the ACLU National's position on impeachment; and whether impeachment should be an issue for the Chico Chapter of the ACLU. Members discuss ACLU members being able to form committees pursuant to their interests, that such a committee may or may not need a board member as a chairperson for such a committee, that the ACLU NC and National's position on Impeachment is not clear. Greg Burton states that he is going to attend the ACLU NC affiliate meeting on June 12th, 2008 and will seek direction on the matter of the ACLU supporting impeachment. Richard Judkins states that the Chico ACLU is in a formative phase, that its board needs to focus its energies and define itself very carefully: that by adopting an impeachment position, the Chico ACLU, would be "spinning its wheels", that it would be foolishness to pursue an impeachment committee as Bush & Cheney will never be impeached. Bob Trausch states that there is another impeachment organization in Chico, Chico Impeach, and that this organization could be composed of ACLU members, and act as the impeachment organization in lieu of a Chico ACLU committee. Ann Blake states she will withdraw her bid to form an impeachment committee through the ACLU.

10. Parking Surveillance Proposal report

Greg Burton reports that he had contacted ACLU of Ohio, which had a similar dispute over traffic scanning, with the Springdale, Ohio Police. Greg Burton reports that while Jeff Gamsco, the Ohio ACLU's legal director, had complained through the press about the issue, there appeared to be scant legal basis for challenge. Burton goes on to state that while he still wants to write a letter to the Chico City Council, he is unsure of how to proceed. Members offer that it is essential that we write a letter stating the ACLU's concern regarding the ACLU's opposition to traffic scanning, with members stating that it is a violation of privacy, could perhaps be used as a profiling tool, as well as having no basis in probable cause. Members discuss strategy: a. Write the letter. b. Contact City council. c. Distribute and discuss the issue through the press (Chico ER, Chico Beat) to build public support. d. Perhaps write a Chico privacy law (no scanning law) for council consideration.

11. New Business

Ann Blake addressed several issues of new business, but her voice was inaudible on the recording. Feedback required.

12. Announcements and Community Events

Emily Fisher reports that there will be a fund-raiser (garage/bake sale) for the Shalom Free Clinic Saturday June 14th, 2008 @ the Congregational Church of Chico 1190 East First Avenue, Education Building starting at 9:00 a.m.

Sor Lo reports that there will be a California state budget forum for the In Home Supportive Services June 12th, 2008 @ the Holiday Inn 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 685 Manzanita Court Chico.

Bob Trausch reports that there will be a Dorotea Pathways foundation "Spring Fling" fund-raiser Sunday June 15th, 2008 at the Riparia, 2300 Estes Road Chico from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Bob Trausch reports that there will be a meeting of Police Citizens Review Committee Monday June 16th 6:30 p.m. 1161 east Avenue.

Richard Judkins reports the Immigration Committee will meet Thursday June 12th, 2008 @ Aca Taco 133 Broadway Chico 1:00 p.m.

Amy Zempel reports the Youth Education committee will meet Tuesday June 24th, 2008 @ 813 Nord Avenue 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Chico ACLU is Monday June 23rd @ 6:30 p.m. 813 Nord Avenue.

13. Adjourn (meeting time: 1:05:37)