

Fundraising Report. April 2026

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The convention has been the focus of the last three months. With limited time to prepare and advertise, there has not been time to devote to other fundraising activities.

Michele Poague is a great help with printing badges, signs, and tickets. She designed the flyer that went out to our sustaining members. This brought in at least 4 sales, putting people at our fundraising events. She has designed, printed, and assembled the pocket program that everyone will receive. This program has added value to our sponsorships, allowing our sponsors to be seen in yet another medium.

Daniel Lutz secured our gala speaker, Adam Kokesh. He has offered support and guidance, made phone calls and did outreach to help create a successful event.

Robin Early has helped with lists, flyers, printed material, and decorations. Her ability to quickly turn things around when asked for something has made it easier for me to focus on the larger items.

Janet Turner has worked hard to create the decorations for the lunch and gala. She has offered some much-needed support as we focus on making this convention a good fundraising event.

While Beatriz Sutton had to step down as convention committee chair, she has offered counsel and support. She plans to be at the convention for a limited time (due to other obligations) to help with credentials.

While ticket sales have been slower than past years (late 90's through early 2000's) what sales we have had should cover the hotel costs and the speaker costs. The last few sales should help pay for the parliamentary fee and food, the costs of announcing the convention, and other small items. In past years none of the fundraising was used to pay for convention itself. It is our hope that we can return to that model.

Several items have been donated for the Saturday night auction. Some items have been donated for the Saturday lunch as well. We can always use more items for sale or for a silent auction.

My plan to create teams throughout the state to help find fundraising opportunities did not come to fruition. The convention and personal matters have taken priority. I believe we need to find a way to reach our registered voters and get them excited about being a part of this Party and its goals.

Due to a change in my husband's status, I do not plan to run for Fundraising Director this cycle. Thank you, everyone, for donation of your time, your money, and your support. Nothing happens without all of you! A special thanks to Jeff Orrok, Allison Spink, Joe Johnson, Jacob Luria, Daniel Lutz, Michele Poague, and John Hjersman. Every one of you have contributed to making this past year a great one for me. Your support and your help has been invaluable. Know that I appreciate all you have done for me.