

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020

January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020



The 9/12 Project of The Lehigh Valley, Inc.

(DBA: The Lehigh Valley Tea Party)

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Executive Summary

This report is provided to all current members (both regular and associate) in accordance with Article VIII of our Bylaws.

The 9/12 Project of the Lehigh Valley Incorporated (DBA: Lehigh Valley Tea Party) started the year with a presentation entitled “How They Plan to Steal the Election.” We ended the year discussing how we should respond to the stolen election that we had previously predicted.

Throughout the year, due to several unconstitutional mandates by our tyrannical Governor, we had to find alternative meeting venues which resulted in having two monthly meetings via Zoom.

Nonetheless, we had a successful year. We surpassed our stated goals for both membership and cash-on-hand. Membership increased by 185% and our cash-on-hand rose 119%. This supports our long term goal of building ‘Members and Money’ which is a generally accepted measure of an organization’s political power. It should be noted that our reason for building political power is that one cannot affect political change without it.

As we move through 2021, we plan to continue increasing our power base and launch three major projects: 1) organize voters across the state, 2) reduce or eliminate election fraud in PA, and 3) push back on the Radical Left’s socio-political move toward communism.



Activity 2020

Fiscal year 2020 was certainly a challenging year for our organization. We kicked off the year with a presentation at our January meeting entitled *“How They Plan to Steal the Election”*. Also, we dealt with COVID-19 bans on public meetings and numerous other unconstitutional executive orders issued by our tyrannical governor. We ended the year with in-depth discussion on how we should respond to the stolen election.

The first half of the year was spent getting the base engaged and expanding voter registration. This included a forum featuring CD-7 candidates in February and Scott Presler with voter registration training in March.

The lockdown and resulting closure of meeting rental halls forced the cancellation of our April meeting. We came back strong in May with our first ever online monthly meeting, which featured in-depth pre-primary presentations by our CD-7 candidates.

June was also an online meeting. We focused on demonstrating how the Governor was claiming the authority to issue these Executive Orders and what we would do to oppose him. This included having State Rep. Russ Diamond join us, remotely. Russ was the prime sponsor of HR836 which would have ended the lockdown.

Just a few days later we protested at state Senator Lisa Boscola’s Bethlehem office, demanding her support of HR836 as it went to the Senate. This protest was considered a success in that it drew local media coverage by Lehigh Valley Live.

In July, we continued mobilizing people to end the lockdown. The intensity of our push-back movement had morphed into *“Reopen PA.”* This included an online call-to-action which drew over 1,500 signers. To accommodate the support of *“Reopen PA,”* our August meeting was held outdoors at the Louise Moore Park and featured state Senators Doug Mastriano and Mario Scavello. The *“Reopen PA”* meeting drew a record attendance of nearly 600 people.

Over the next two months we rallied to support the police in Bethlehem and had extremely successful meetings that featured Sheriff David Clarke, U.S. Ambassador Rick Grenell, and the hero of the Sutherland Springs shooting, Stephen Willeford. Additionally, we held nearly two dozen pro-Trump flag waves and were instrumental in forming a massive caravan.

On November 3rd we suffered a stolen national election. Pennsylvania was at the heart of the matter. Consequently, we cancelled our November meeting and went to work formulating a plan of action against the devastating election fraud.

At our December meeting we heard ideas from our membership about what we should do in 2021, and ended the year on a high note with a high-energy, fun-filled Christmas party.

Planned Activity for 2021

The focus of our plan for this year is to 'Fight for America'. Clearly, the Left will stop at nothing in their quest to completely eliminate conservatism. Therefore, we have chosen to fight back. Our 2021 plans are extremely aggressive and include three large, complex projects. They are; 1) Eliminate Election Fraud, 2) Reject Socialism, and 3) Form a statewide organization.

Form a Statewide Organization

We know that our political opposition is well organized, very well-funded, and has a long-term game plan. So we asked, "Is there an equivalent conservative organization in PA?" Our finding is that there is none. Therefore, we have set out to form a new statewide membership organization that will serve as a single, unified voice of conservatism across Pennsylvania. Our goal is a total of 50,000 members in the first year and 150,000 by the end of the second year.

Once we reach our first-year goal, we expect that we will have the attention of the state party leadership (both Republican and Democratic) as well as the General Assembly leadership, and, as a result, will have earned "a seat at the table" so to speak. We will then be in a position to influence political and legislative actions at the state level.

Eliminate Election Fraud

The elimination or otherwise substantial reduction of election fraud will be the initial mission of the statewide organization. One of the primary goals will be prosecuting those who commit fraud. This is no easy task, but most agree that those guilty of fraud need to go to prison. Currently, there are no consequences for vote tampering and that must be changed.

In addition to prosecuting individuals, we must establish a Voter ID requirement and we must repeal Act 77 which gave us mail-in voting. Further, we will need to replace voting machines and digital poll books with a secure system, even if that means returning to paper ballots.

Reject Socialism

The primary mission of this project is to push back against the Left's march to socialism and save our Constitutional rights. Based on the complexity of this project and the limited resources that we have available, it will likely launch after the other two projects.

Some project goals are (a) find ways to successfully fight socialist indoctrination of our children in K-12 and higher education, (b) oppose acts of 'social justice' and promote 'merit justice', and (c) aggressively push back against "politically correct" language, and the Left's demand to eliminate gender references.

It is clear that these three projects require a great deal of work. Their success will depend on volunteer skills and commitment, as well as project leader abilities to get the job done.

Membership Report

For multiple reasons, 2020 proved to be a period of strong growth for us. We had a few board members who worked especially hard to bring people into our organization. They recruited new members at our meetings, from local businesses, and at our many flag waves.

Additionally, we circulated two very successful petitions (“Reopen PA” and “Impeach Wolf”) which garnered over 18,000 signatures between them. We then offered Associate memberships to signers living within a 25 mile radius of Allentown.

As a result, we nearly doubled our membership in a year.

2020 Year End	2019 Year End
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total membership: 4,729 • Associate Members: 4,059 • Regular Members: 670 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total membership: 2,564 • Associate Members: 2,102 • Regular Members: 462

The above comparison shows a total growth of about 185% year-over-year. This is truly an amazing growth rate, especially when one considers that across the county, most grassroots conservative groups have completely faded away.

Further, as a result of increased membership, our average monthly meeting attendance has also increased. Last year we averaged about 225 per meeting. This year, our average is roughly 275.

Our goal for 2020 was a total of 3,000 members (combined regular and associate) which we surpassed quite comfortably.

It is also important to note that we now have a team of four regular members processing memberships and handling the meeting check-in system. Until now, it was just two board members handling this work. This change is the result of a new policy whereby board members take responsibility for major functions and build teams to carry them out. We are pleased to report that this new approach is working extremely well.

One area that we expect to improve on is the conversion of Associate (non-paid) memberships to Regular (paid) memberships. Currently, Regular members are about 10% of our total membership. Our goal for 2021 is to increase that to 15% by getting more Associate members active and engaged.

Financial Report

Fiscal year 2020 provided many challenges as we dealt with ever changing venue options resulting from the Governor's bizarre and tyrannical crowd size restrictions. Even so, we managed to have another great year, surpassing last year's totals.

	Checking	Savings	Total
2020 opening balance	\$13,550.49	\$24,776.39	\$38,326.88
2020 ending balance	\$15,882.91	\$29,787.49	\$45,670.40

<i>Accounts that make up the total bank balance</i>	
General Acct	\$34,061.60
2nd Amendment Committee	\$4,580.39
Election Fraud Defense Fund	\$7,001.41
Individual Rights-Energy	\$27.00
	\$45,670.40

<i>Major Revenue Categories</i>	Total
Raffles	\$10,631.37
Donations	\$5,649.97
Membership	\$8,838.92
Merchandise	\$1,309.52
Pig Roast	\$2,176.00

<i>Major Expense Categories</i>	
Advertising	\$ (700.00)
Insurance	\$ (1,689.00)
Supplies, Equipment & Printing	\$ (3,625.61)
Meeting Hall Rental	\$ (7,421.26)
Professional Services	\$ (5,664.29)
Speaker fees	\$ (1,500.00)
Travel & Lodging	\$ (408.84)
Robo-Call & Text Messaging	\$ (2,211.57)
PO box rental & postage	\$ (582.75)

Notes:

- On February 21, 2021 our Finance Committee conducted an accounting audit for fiscal year 2020 and found no issues.
- Our budget for 2021 is based on 2020 totals.