



# Minutes

Culpeper County Democratic Committee  
April General Meeting

Date: April 24, 2018

Location: Little Fork Episcopal Church

Prepared by: Meroë Dawson, Secretary

# Agenda

(Agenda prepared by the Chair in advance of the April 24th 2018 meeting and distributed to members at the meeting.)

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## CCDC General Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order. 7pm.
- II. Welcome & Announcements from Chair
  - A. Brief overview of Robert's Rules
  - B. An independent committee formed to investigate disruptions
  - C. Welcome David Reuther as our new Events Chair
  - D. Parade May 24th
  - E. Liberal Art fundraiser June 1st
  - F. CulpeperFest June 8th
  - G. CYD Update
  - H. Election Officer Training: May 29th.
  - I. 'State of the 7th' update: Absentee voting begins 4/27. Deadline to register if recent address change: 5/21. Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail: 6/5. Primary day: 6/12.
- III. Members, guests announce upcoming or recent events (1 minute each)
- IV. Guest speaker: Kellen Squire from the New Virginia Way
- V. Candidates (5 minutes speaking + 10 minutes Q/A)
- VI. Short Recess
- VII. Secretary's report (2 minutes): Any changes to minutes & vote to accept
- VIII. Treasurer's report (2 minutes)
- IX. Precinct Ops update (Tristan)
  - A. Sign up with Tristan for Primary day!
- X. Events committee report (David) (2 minutes)
- XI. New Business
  - A. Any new business?
- XII. Adjourn

**Call to order:** Ben Hixon called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

**Attendance.** *There were 34 members in attendance. There were 51 active CCDC members in advance of the meeting and the number required for a quorum was 21 . The quorum was met. 5 members left before the final vote was taken.*

Officers present: *Ben Hixon, Tristan Shields, Laura Bynum, Meroë Dawson, Pam Novy.*

Officers absent: Nancy Dailey

(Contact Meroë Dawson for a list of all members in attendance.)

**Changes to the agenda.** *There were no changes to the agenda.*

**Changes to and Approval of the minutes.** *Debbie Siday moved to change The March minutes to reflect that Sherriff Jenkins requested a 6% budget increase instead of a “huge” increase as previously recorded. The March minutes were approved as amended.*

**Motions.** The following motions were introduced:

- **Motion 1:** Approve 30.00 for electricity at the booth at Culpeper Fest.  
Introduced by Pam Novy.  
Passed

- **Motion 2:** To reverse the motion passed in November that sets aside 50% of membership dues collected in odd number years for even number years and instead authorizes the Treasurer to prepare a 2 year budget.  
Introduced by Pam Novy  
Passed
- **Motion 3:** To change Spring Anderson’s membership from Full Member to Associate Member, at her request, as she is not registered to vote in Culpeper and was voted in as a Full Member in March, due to a clerical error.  
Introduced by Tristan Shields  
Passed
- **Motion 4:** For the CCDC to host a “Nobody is above the law” event in the case of Mueller being fired by Trump.  
Introduced by Tristan Shields  
Passed
- **Motion 5:** For the CCDC executive committee to appoint an ad hoc committee to plan the “Nobody is above the law” event and work with The Culpeper Persisters and Warrenton group and figure out the message.  
Introduced by Thom Faircloth  
Amended by Mike McClary to require the event be held in Culpeper.  
Passed as amended

- **Motion 6:** To cancel the Verizon bill and replace with a free google voice number, saving \$1,000 a year.

Introduced by Tristan Shields

Amended to specify the motion is only carried out if we either don't have a contract or if we save money by breaking the contract.

Passed as amended

## **Additional notes or announcements.**

*Thank you to Kellen Squire for speaking about New Virginia Way. More details can be found at [www.newvirginiaway.com](http://www.newvirginiaway.com)*

*Candidate Dan Ward, 7th Congressional District, addressed the meeting.*

*Member Mike McClary attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and updated us on the discussion about the YMCA*

*In response to questions about venues Ben Hixon reminded members we no longer have access to the large meeting room in the AP Hill building. He also stated that the CCDC is using this need for venues as an opportunity to enhance our visibility in the community. If you have any suggestions about venues please contact 2nd vice chair Laura Bynum or email [info@culpeperdemocrats.org](mailto:info@culpeperdemocrats.org)*

Reminder of upcoming events:

- Fireman's parade May 24th contact Events Committee Chair David Reuther [[2dreuther@gmail.com](mailto:2dreuther@gmail.com)] for more information
- Liberal Arts fundraiser June 1st contact Meroë Dawson for more information or email [info@culpeperdemocrats.org](mailto:info@culpeperdemocrats.org)
- CulpeperFest June 8th contact Events Committee Chair David Reuther [[2dreuther@gmail.com](mailto:2dreuther@gmail.com)] for more information
- Primary June 12th we would like to have a table at every precinct contact Tristan Shields or Ben Hixon or email [info@culpeperdemocrats.org](mailto:info@culpeperdemocrats.org) to sign up.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Signed: Meroë Dawson, Secretary