



Minutes

Culpeper County Democratic Committee
Executive Committee
Month monthly meeting

Date: January 10, 2019

Location: CCDC Office 206 S Main St.
Suite 302

Prepared by: Ed Dunphy, Secretary

Agenda

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CCDC Executive Meeting Agenda

- I. 6:00. Call to Order and Welcome from the Chair.
 - A. Any changes to agenda & vote to accept.
- II. Secretary's Report
 - A. Vote to accept December minutes
- III. Treasurer's report
 - A. Budget.
- IV. Web report
 - A. Top priority: find a web manager, or somebody to take over the twitter account & somebody to take over the website.
 - B. Instagram? (Meroe)
 - C. Reopen discussion of Facebook group (was tabled until after the election)
 - D. How to handle advertising of meet and greets for primary candidates that take place in other counties before the primary in a way that guarantees fair and equal coverage of both candidates?
- V. Design Committee
 - A. Committee Report:

nothing to report here. --Alicia Guy
 - B. Apparel store
 - C. Stickers for the ACLU constitutions
 - D. Window decals (Meroe)
- VI. Social Committee
 - A. Committee Report:

Only thing i have to report is that i would like to start planning the murder mystery dinner theater i had previously discussed and set a date for the end of february. May ask for ideas/imput at the excom meeting thurs. --Travis Warby
 - B. Great job on holiday party and 2nd game night!
- VII. 6:30 Events Committee
 - A. Committee Report:

Events Committee Did not organize an event this reporting period. We found no interest in the Executive Committee for participation in Sheriff Jenkins reelection Christmas parade. There is very little public comment on that parade. I have approached the local media to see if anyone knows who participated. --David Reuther

B. (David) Voter Registration banner

VIII. 6:45 Precinct Ops Committee

A. Committee Report:

No activity to report. At the January meeting, we should exhort our members to step up as precinct captains for the vacancies we have for Rixeyville, East Fairfax, Eggbornsville, Willow Shade, and South Ridge. --Mike McClary

B. OneVirginia2021 requests help with lit drop

IX. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement Committee

A. Committee Report:

Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement Committee activities. David Reuther and Ed Dunphy have begun the process of learning what is going on as far as candidates for local office in 2019. David and Ed met with Butch Davies and Monica Chernin. David met with Zann Nelson. Ed met with Sue Hansohn. Ed met with Paul Bates Jr. BOS: Salem District – Incumbent Alexa Fritz is not running. Ed spoke with her briefly and is still trying to meet with her. BOS: West Fairfax – Incumbent Gary Deal is leaning toward running. Ed spoke with him briefly and is still trying to set up a meeting with him. BOS: Catalpa – Incumbent Sue Hansohn is not running. She said that Paul Bates Jr. (current member of the Culpeper Planning Commission) has an interest in running for her seat. Our goal is to complete preliminary information gathering in January/February. Then we would like to pull a full committee together and set up sub committees in each of the 4 districts that are having BOS and School Board elections this year. Perhaps the Precinct Ops Committee could be the basis for the full committee. --Ed Dunphy

X. Voter education committee

The voter education committee would like to report that we have approval

from the Culpeper Times for a monthly 500-600 word article for educating the public on state and local offices, how they function, where to vote, how and where to vote early, etc. --Rebecca Layne

XI. Nominating committees update (Ben)

- A. HOD18 decided on a primary
- B. HOD30 will meet next week, should also decide on a primary.
- C. SD17, 24, & 27 committees still in formation

XII. 7:00 - 7th CD Observer Report (David)

7th CD Meeting Shenandoah Room H, Omni Hotel. Moderator Abbi Easter, modest attendance.

1. An extensive discussion about the defeat at the earlier DPVA meeting of the 17th resolution to have only non-sectarian prayer at Democratic meetings. Defeat came because of a) those who thought that directing guests of faith to pray in a certain way was offensive; b) belief that those in charge of such meetings should be left to handle such a situation properly; and finally c) opinion that we have no business offering prayers at political meetings anyway. The motion was sent back to committee, and the vote at the 7th CD caucus was to withdraw the motion.

2. Kudos to Spanberger for running a great campaign and Kudos to the hard work of the 7th CD caucus county committees.

3. Discussion of whether 7th CD caucus should hold a fundraiser in 2019 or await Spanberger's next campaign. The group decided to hold a fundraiser in 2019. The theme of the fundraiser would be "Taste of the 7th CD." Tentative date is Saturday, March 9. Venue is a country club in Powhatan county. Each county committee is invited to bring one or two dishes from a renown restaurant in its county.

4. Discussion of how to support Spanberger for the next two years and assist her reelection. Each county committee was encouraged to pass a list of events that Spanberger should attend. Abbi made the point that the 2020 election could stress the county committees. It can be assumed that large chunks of Spanberger's outside money will be occupied elsewhere. Abbi conducted an extensive exposition of the DPVA thinking that goes into how and when it decides to support a candidate.

5. Strong advice to committee members to withdraw from personal postings during a campaign period because of how personal social media postings may complicate the campaign's story line or the general image of the Democratic Party in Virginia.

--David Reuther

A. Taste of the 7th fundraiser

XIII. New Business

- A. (David) Should CCDC participate in rural retreat
 - B. Any other new business?
- XIV. Adjourn

Call to Order. *Ben Hixon called the meeting to order at 6:16pm*

Attendance. *Officers present: Ben Hixon, Meroë Dawson, Pam Novy, Rebecca Layne*

Committee chairs present: Mike McClary, David Reuther, Travis Warby

Guests present: None

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

Changes to and approval of the minutes. *Minutes for 12/13/18 meeting were approved with no changes. Motion by Rebecca.*

Motions. The following motions were introduced:

- **Motion 1:** *A motion to approve the budget for 2019. Budgeted operational expenses can be turned in directly to the Treasurer for reimbursement/payment. Branding type expenses require approval of the Executive Committee.*

Introduced by: Ed Dunphy

Passed without objection

- **Motion 2:** *A motion to spend up to \$90 on a generic voter registration banner.*

Introduced by: Rebecca

Passed without objection

Additional notes or announcements.

Treasurer

Pam Novy reported the final number of \$5,498 cleared on the Festival for Change (FFC).

Pam Novy presented a budget for 2019. Discussion among those present resulted in several changes. The budget was unanimously approved with those changes.

Total budgeted expenses for 2019 are \$9558.00 (does not include local candidate funding from Festival for Change money). Cash on hand is broken into two pots. One is \$4,460 cash to be used for 2019 operations. The other is \$5,498 from the Festival for Change for use in supporting candidates for local elections. The Festival for Change funds are not included in the annual budget since they are already earmarked for a specific purpose.

2019 Budget \$9558

Cash on hand \$4,460 (not including FFC money)

Amount Needed to cover shortfall and fully fund the budget \$5,098.

Budgeted operational expenses can be turned in directly to the Treasurer for reimbursement/payment. Branding/publication type expenses require approval of the Executive Committee.

Web report

A: Ben to ask at the next general meeting for a volunteer to takeover the web site.

B: Meroe is not able to log into Instagram. Ben will work with her on this.

C: It was agreed that we should start a closed FB group to allow CCDC member to post directly. This will enable the CCDC membership to communicate more easily with one another.

D: It was agreed that David would let the various campaigns know that we are willing to post any events they are having on our calendar provided they take place in Culpeper or one of the contiguous counties of Spotsylvania, Orange, Madison, Rappahannock or Fauquier.

Social Committee

Travis to create a SLACK channel to develop ideas for a Valentines Day Dance/Murder Mystery Dinner. It was also suggested that we might want to gather for a Michael Cohen hearing viewing party at a local pub.

Events Committee

B: David suggested a generic banner be purchased for our voter registration table. Xpress Copy will print one for \$90 and David has a 15% off coupon that is valid for a few more days that he can use.

Precinct Ops

A: It was suggested the Jim & Erin who helped out in East Fairfax should be encouraged to be precinct captains. Dick Ruffin was also suggested as a potential precinct captain.

B: Next activity for precinct ops will be organizing the distribution of door hangers for OneVirginia2021.

Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement Committee

David suggested that we form a PAC to help finance the local candidates. General consensus was against this suggestion.

Voter Education Committee

Rebecca is taking responsibility for the monthly articles in the Culpeper Times. They are due the Tuesday prior to the second Thursday of the month. Ben is going to put Rebecca in communication with Tracy Laughlin and Cynthia Taylor because they have an interest in our voter education program.

Nominating Committees Update

A: The HOD18 will hold a primary. They did agree that they would reconsider this if the Republicans are successful in pushing the primary election date down the calendar from June 11 on into September.

C: Ben has removed himself from the SD17 nominating committee. David Reuther agreed to take on the roll of CCDC representative to the SD17 nominating committee. Dennis Verhoff is the CCDC rep for SD 24 and Sharon Church is the CCDC rep for SD27. It was generally agreed that CCDC should support primaries over any other selection process.

7th CD Observer Report

A: 7th CD fundraiser on March 9th in Powhatan was discussed. CCDC should participate. David will look for a donation of food from a local restaurant for the event.

New Business

Discussion of the Rural Retreat in Roanoke should continue on a SLACK channel.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at **TIME 8:13pm**

Signed: Ed Dunphy, Secretary