



# Minutes

Culpeper County Democratic Committee  
November General Meeting

Date: November 27, 2018

Location: BOS Meeting Room, Culpeper

Prepared by: Ed Dunphy, Secretary

## **Agenda**

Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 **CCDC November General Meeting Agenda**

- I. 7pm. Call to order. 42 active members, 17 needed for a quorum. Vote to accept Agenda
- II. Welcome and Announcements from the Chair
  - A. We did it! Congratulations Congresswoman-Elect Abigail Spanberger! Best performance by a Democrat for Congress in Culpeper County in 44 years (since George Gilliam in 1974)
  - B. Next 7th CD meeting: December 8th, Richmond, Omni hotel, Shenandoah Room H on the second floor, approx. 12:30pm (immediately following Central Committee meeting scheduled from 11am-12:30pm). Both meetings are open to the public.
  - C. Per CCDC tradition, no meeting in December. In 2019, meetings will be held in the BOS meeting room, 302 N Main, 4th Tuesday, 6:30 social, 7pm meeting start.
  - D. 2019 - The year ahead
    1. Culpeper belongs to five state districts - two in the House of Delegates, three in the Senate. So far, candidates declared for SD 24 (Annette Hyde vs. Emmett Hanger), SD 27 (Ronnie Ross vs. Jill Vogel), and HD18 (Tristan Shields vs. Michael Webert). HD30 (Nick Freitas) and SD17 (Bryce Reeves) are still unopposed.
    2. At November's exec meeting, we enumerated three goals for the first half of 2019:
      - (1) Grow CCDC membership, (2) Recruit local candidates, and (3) educate voters
- III. 7:10 Special Guest Speaker: Delegate Sam Rasoul
- IV. 7:30 Guest Speakers
  - A. Cammi Easter from Culpeper Young Democrats
  - B. Nick Stevens, Field Organizer for Abigail Spanberger
  - C. Kristi Black, Regional Field Organizer for Abigail Spanberger
- V. Members, guests announcements (1-2 minutes each)
  - A. Member announcements
  - B. Guest announcements
  - C. Introductions from first-time attendees! (optional)
- VI. 7:50 Secretary's report (2 minutes): Any changes to minutes & vote to accept
- VII. Treasurer's report (2 minutes)
- VIII. Social Committee (5 minutes)
  - A. Welcome to our new Social Committee chair, Travis Warby!
  - B. Game Night, Wednesday, 11/28 (tomorrow), 6pm-9pm, Noodleheads

- C. Holiday Party, Friday 12/14, 6pm-9pm at Rock Hill Farm, 14461 Norman Rd. Pot Luck.
  - 1. Meeting of the social committee next week to discuss holiday party details
  - 2. Motion: authorize \$200 for holiday party expenses.
- IX. 8:00 Precinct Ops After-Action Report and questions - presented by Peggy Kenney
- X. New Business
  - A. New members: John Edward Owens Jr., Joe Lenig, Lisa Lenig, John Dyess, Constantine "Jack" Pappas, Sonya Pappas, Larry Giesting.
  - B. Any new motions from members?
- XI. (If time) Informal discussion of what you liked about the CCDC this year and where we can improve next year. Please fill out comment cards and return them.
- XII. 8:30 Adjourn

## **Attendance.**

*There were 42 active members in advance of the meeting. The number required for a quorum was 17.*

*There were 28 members and 4 guests in attendance*

*The quorum was met at all times.*

**Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

**Changes to and approval of the minutes.** *Minutes for the October 2018 meeting were approved with no changes.*

## **Guest Speakers:**

*Delegate Sam Rasoul spoke about the upcoming legislative session that is set to begin on Jan 9th in Richmond. Some of the topics covered were:*

- *ERA Rally at the beginning of the session*
- *Medicaid expansion*
- *Right to work*
- *Gerrymandering*

*Cammi Easter from the young Dems said they were raising money to recruit new members. Make your checks out to the Culpeper Young Democrats and mail them to the CCDC PO Box or give them to Pam Novy. You can also donate at their ACT BLUE Page  
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/culpeperyoungdems>*

*Nick Stevens and Kristi Black from Abigail Spanbergers campaign thanks us for our help.*

## **Member and Guest Announcements:**

***Tristan Shields** announced that he is running for State Delegate from district 18. He is planning to have meet and greets in each of his precincts. His first one is Dec 1st in Jeffersonton at the home of Mary Sherrill.*

***Marilyn Dunphy** announced that planning is underway for the MLK Day event at the Antioch Baptist Church in Culpeper on January 21st, 2019. This event is sponsored by the Culpeper Chapter of the NAACP.*

*She also spoke about the recent event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the lynching of Allie Thompson in Culpeper County.*

*Finally there is a winter coat drive going on. Coats can be dropped off at the Dunphy's house and need to be donated by Dec 13th.*

***Rose Harrity** said that Maloney and Ward Insurance had contacted her about the CCDC liability insurance policy that was due. Pam and Ben were going to work on updating that so they have the correct contact information.*

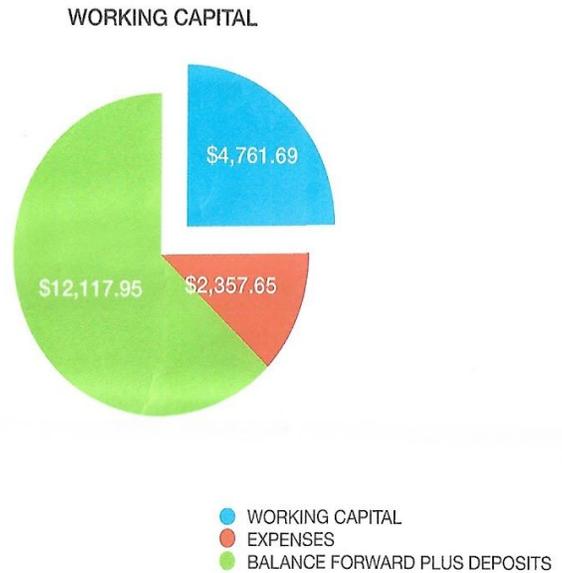
**Treasurer's Report.** Reported on current assets and expenses. Pam will be contacting Joe Daniel to get the missing \$500 check reissued for the Festival for Change.

CCDC Treasurer's Report  
October-November, 2018

BALANCE FORWARD PLUS DEPOSITS	
Balance Forward	\$8,120.44
Deposit 10/16	\$2,700.39
Deposit 11/19	\$1,297.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,117.95</b>

CASH BALANCE	
CASH MINUS EXPENSES	\$9,760.30
Designated for Campaigns	\$4,998.61
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$4,761.69</b>

PAYMENTS MADE	
Check purchase	\$28.00
#287 B. Hayes (Country Fair Music)	\$100.00
#288 B. Saylor (Country Fair Music)	\$200.00
#289 T.P. Johnson (Country Fair Music)	\$100.00
T-9001 Mo Safron (Country Fair Music)	\$100.00
T-9002 Verizon (Final Pmt)	\$62.24
Verizon	\$186.25
POS/Debit COSTCO (Country Fair)	\$236.34
POS/Debit (Facebook Ads)	\$40.79
POS/Debit (Vistaprint)	\$247.73
POS/Debit (Dominos)	\$31.68
POS/Debit (Dominos)	\$26.68
POS/Debit (Staples)	\$26.31
POS/Debit (USPS)	\$350.00
POS/Debit (Staples)	\$40.52



POS/Debit (Facebook Ads)	\$50.00
POS/Debit (Facebook Ads)	\$1.27
POS/Debit (USPS)	\$500.00
POS/Debit (Aldi)	\$29.84
****Pending Debits/Credits	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,357.65</b>

**Festival for Change: Income / Expenses / Candidate Donations**

	Income	Expenses	Net Proceeds	Comments	Amount Donated	Balance
Cash from Ed	\$155.00			Tickets at Gate		
Cash from Ed	\$236.00			Silent Auction & Raffle		
ActBlu (Net)	\$4825.00			Donations minus Fees (\$286.93)		
Monahan #6638	\$75.00			Donation		
Chatelain #3590	\$65.00			Silent Auction		
Verhoff/Deangelis #3316	\$46.00			Silent Auction		
Dunphy #2924	\$50.00			Silent Auction		
Dunphy #2923	\$40.00			Tickets		
Warby #164	\$20.00			Tickets		
McDonald/Pastrana #1584	\$100.00			Donation		
Davies/Moon #1204	\$100.00			Donation		
Affirmed Technologies #1754	\$500.00			Donation		
Markel (POS)		\$188.00		Insurance		
Costco		\$236.34		Food, plates, etc		
K & S Port-O-Johns (CK #283)		\$289.05		Port-o-johns		
Hayes #287		\$100.00		Music		
Sayer #288		\$200.00		Contra dancers		
Johnson #289		\$100.00		Music		
Saffron #9001 (temp checks)		\$100.00		Music		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6212.00</b>	<b>\$1213.39</b>	<b>\$4998.61</b>			

**Social Committee:** *Travis Warby was introduced as the new Social Committee Chair replacing Lis who requested to no longer chair the committee. Lis was thanked by all for her previous work as chair.*

*Travis announced that there would be a meeting on Monday December, 3rd at 6:00pm in the CCDC office to coordinate the Holiday Party.*

**Motion:** *Authorize \$200 to cover expenses for a holiday party. Moved by Donna DeAngelis, Approved.*

## **Precinct Captains' Reports.** *Report given by Peggy Kenny.*

### Talking Points for Peggy

- Mike McClary, our acting Chair, is somewhere over the Pacific Ocean at the moment, and he asked me to pass on a brief summary of our lessons learned. For those who might not know me, I'm Peggy Kenney, Precinct Captain of the Jeffersonton Precinct.
- Along with all the other activities and efforts by the CCDC, under its new leadership, and in cooperation with the Culpeper Persisters, the Precinct Operations Committee played an important role in electing Abigail Spanberger and re-electing Tim Kaine.
- Spanberger won by 6,910 votes. Culpeper County delivered 7,910 Democratic votes – one could call that the margin of victory. Our votes counted.
- This year, for the first time in CCDC history, we made the effort to organize Precinct Operations. Would all the District Chairs and Precinct Captains please stand up to be recognized.
- This year, Precinct Captains recruited and organized volunteers in their precincts to do phonebanking, canvassing, writing postcards, delivering yard signs and bumper stickers. Spanberger and Kaine had a well-advertised presence in the county, far more than did Brat or Stewart.
- We organized our volunteers to man the polls to greet voters as they arrived. The weather was a challenge, but most of us had shelters, tables, and chairs, along with our precinct signs. People were surprised to see us out in such strength. We enjoyed collegiality and congeniality with our Republican counterparts.
- We held several coordination meetings during the course of the election cycle, including an after-action meeting before Thanksgiving to compile lessons learned from our experiences.
- Here are some of the things we learned this year:
  - Nail down volunteers to chair districts and captain precincts. This duty should be shared by the entire Executive Committee. Finding volunteers is not a one-person job.
  - We had mixed results with phonebanking. VAN is still woefully out-of-date. It seems that corrections to wrong/disconnected phone numbers never get made. There were too many duplicative phone calls between the campaigns. We did agree that beginning phonebanking with strong Democrats 6-8 weeks out was a good idea. Always leave a message if you get a recording.
  - Everyone thinks writing post cards was a huge success, although we would like to have the kind of control that allows us to address our own citizens. We also agreed that we should personalize postcards with real contact information.
  - Better coordination is needed when there is more than one campaign involved. There was way too much duplication in canvassing. It annoyed the citizens.
  - With regard to VAN and MiniVan, we should push for better coordination among DPVA, the campaigns, and the committee. It would be helpful if we had one or more formal classes in how to use it. Sharon Church volunteered to lead this effort.
  - The CCDC office must be open more often and manned more regularly. We should have an "office manager" to take care of the office and manage volunteers.
  - We liked the Republicans' large display of the sample ballot, especially with an opinion expressed on the referendum issues.

- At the polls, most voters don't want to talk, but they seemed to appreciate being greeted and thanked after voting. The sign-up sheets were a definite plus. We should create a list of those who can provide tents/shelters, chairs and tables, so that we have all precincts covered.
- Ed Dunphy had an instruction sheet for his volunteers at the polls. A great idea for all.
- Next year we will be electing 3 senators, 2 delegates, half the board of supervisors, 4 members of the town council, 5 constitutional officers. We should form a committee to plan our post card, phonebanking, canvassing messages, along with other ways to educate the voters.

## **New Business**

### **New Members.**

*The following new members were voted in John Edward Owens Jr., Joe Lenig, Lisa Lenig, John Dyess, Constantine "Jack" Pappas, Sonya Pappas, Larry Giesting and Kelly Kuykendall. (Kelly turned in her application at the meeting in time to be voted in.)* **Motion** by Donna DeAngelis, Second Jim Restel. *Approved*

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

*No other motions.*

### **Additional Notes or announcements**

None.

Adjournment: Rose Harrity moved to adjourn. By voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

Signed Ed Dunphy, Secretary