



Minutes

Culpeper County Democratic Committee
March General Meeting

Date: March 26, 2019

Location: BOS Meeting Room, Culpeper

Prepared by: Ed Dunphy, Secretary

Agenda

**CCDC March General Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

- I. 7pm. Call to order. (DER)
- II. Quorum Determination (DER)
 - a. 55 active members, 22 needed for a quorum.
 - b. Mr. Secretary do we have a quorum?
- III. Agenda (DER)
 - a. Any changes, additions to the agenda?
 - b. Motion to adopt/amend; Second; Vote
- IV. Welcome and Announcements from the Chair (DER)
 - a. Culpeper's Political Environment –
 - i. Republicans declaring their candidates as Republicans for local races
 - ii.
 - iii. Reuther fear "I didn't know there were Democrats in Culpeper"
 1. Our task is to make ourselves known
 - a. Rebecca's second voter education column in the Culp Times was last week.
 - b. There is a Democratic column in the Star Exponent
 - c. We need commentators on-line and LTE
 - iv. We have full slate of Democratic candidates for house and senate
 - v. We need local candidates
 - vi. The fundraiser for Senator Warner (Feb 24) was considered successful, looked good for Culpeper's reputation with DPVA
 - vii. Abigail Spanberger came last week (Feb 21) for a visit to local businesses, not political. She spoke to constituents at Raven's Nest which included Republicans.
 1. Guess we have to share her now
 2. She is coming in July for a Town Hall
 - viii. Reuther-Boyd switch at NAACP
 - ix. Boyd-Dunphy switch at NAACP
 - V. Secretary's report: (ED) (2 min)
 - a. Any changes to the February minutes
 - b. Motion to accept, second? Vote
 - VI. Treasurer's report (PN) (2 Min)
 - VII. Presentation by invited speaker (introduced by ED)

- a. Briana Sewell, representative of the Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy
 - b. . (20min)
- VIII. New Business
- a. Report on Executive Committee actions
 - i. Dennis Verhoff appointed Chair of Events Committee
 - 1. Events first event is Cedar Mountain clean-up
 - ii. Jennifer Ulm nominated as Web Master
 - 1. According to our bylaws this position is a voting position in ExecCom and requires General Meeting approval
 - 2. Jennifer's Background (ED)
 - 3. Motion to elect Jennifer as Web Master. Second. Vote
 - b. Report on petition signatures 18th HOD, 30th HOD; 17th Senate, 24th Senate, 27th Senate (DER)
 - c. Report on local candidates for BOS, School Board and Constitutional Officers. (3 min Ed Dunphy)
 - d. Letter to 2018 Democratic Primary voters (2-minutes ED)
 - i. Thank the volunteers
 - e. Working at the polls (DER) Richardsville?
 - f. CCDC participation at Mar 2 Richmond Central Committee and caucus meetings (DER)
 - i. Attended the Central Committee Meeting – Delegates to national convention
 - ii. Attended Rural Caucus (planning for rural retreat-May 3-5)
 - 1. Gift package
 - iii. Attended the Black Caucus
 - 1.
 - g. Any other new business?
- IX. Members, guests' announcements (1 minute each)
- a. Member announcements
 - b. Guest announcements
 - c. Introduction of first-time attendees
 - d. Introduction of any candidates for office in attendance
- X. Adjourn

Attendance.

There were 55 active members in advance of the meeting. The number required for a quorum was 22.

There were 32 members and 6 guests in attendance

The quorum was met at all times.

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by the Chair, David Reuther at 7:01 pm

Changes to the published agenda. *There were no changes to the published agenda. Motion to accept the agenda Thom Faircloth, Second Mary Jo Monahan.*

Welcome and Announcements from the Chair: David updated us on the various items listed in this part of the agenda.

Changes to and approval of the minutes. Donna Deangelis moved to accept the minutes, second by Caroline Walker. *Minutes for the February 2019 meeting were approved with no changes.*

Treasurer's Report: Pam Novy presented the Treasurer's report. Said that there were no changes from the report last month. A motion to accept the report was made by Travis Warby and second by Caroline Walker. Motion was approved.

Guest Speaker: Briana Sewell, Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy. This organization launched back in January of 2019. Their current focus is on legislation to provide for paid family and medical leave. This is already law in 5 states and the District of Columbia (NY, NJ, MA, WA, RI and DC) The law is funded by a pool of money contributed ½ by the employee and ½ by the employer. The funds create an insurance pool of sorts. It is estimated that the payroll deduction would be less than

1% of the employees salary. More info at <https://www.familyfriendlyeconomyva.org/>

Briana asked that you go to the website and fill out your contact info in the support section and add your own story.

New Business:

Motion by Sharon Church to approve Jennifer Ulm as the Web Master. Second by Lis Piatt. Motion carried. Jennifer is now a voting member of the CCDC Executive Committee.

Member and Guest Announcements:

Ben Hixon and Amy Laufer, both candidates for the Democratic nomination for SD17 spoke about their campaigns and their issues.

Ben Spoke about FDR's 4 Freedoms which are the basis of his campaign, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Poverty and Freedom from Fear. He also sees the local Republican Party attempt to control the School Board as the first step in an assault on LGBTQ students.

Amy spoke about the relationship between Dominion Energy and Industrial Solar projects. The state has mandated 30% of our energy come from renewable sources. Dominion wrote legislation that limits the amount of solar that can come from homeowners to a very small percentage of the total. That is why we are seeing these mega projects that will ultimately be paid for by the rate payers with the profits going to the Dominion shareholders.

Introduction of first time attendees. Maggie Flanagan, introduced herself as a first time attendee.

Adjournment: 8:45pm Moved by Sharon Church with a second by Carolyn Walker.

Signed Ed Dunphy, Secretary