

CCDC Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.
Culpeper Police Department

9 – 9:30 a.m. Guest Candidate: Elizabeth Guzman

BUSINESS MEETING

Welcome & Call to Order: 9:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

Chair's Comments:

- Early voting began May 3; mail-in ballots went to the post office; and 33 people voted on opening day.
- Crowd canvassing at the Registrar's office revealed our local citizenry need more education on the U.S. election process.

Agenda Approved: (Moved, Marilyn Dunphy; Second, Jan Fitts)

Acceptance of New Members, bringing total membership to 83: (Jim Restel, Beth Perrow)

- Nick Travis
- Gregory Ludlow
- Judy Shupp

Minutes Reviewed and Approved: (Jim Restel, Jan Fitts)

Treasurer's Report Reviewed and Approved: (Ed Dunphy, Rice Wagner)

Committee Chair Reports:

Chair, Mary Jo Monahan:

- Thanked the numerous members who make our meetings successful.
- Potential June speaker is the CEO of People, Inc. to address affordable housing.
- CCDC's office is now open M-F; core hours are noon – 2; contact Sharon Guenther to volunteer as a substitute ssguenther@yahoo.com.
- Randy Dunn, Voter Protection Team, has verified the voting machines are ready for the June 18 primary.
- In response to the Registrar's request, the CCDC has committed to providing ten more Election Officers for the November 5 election. Contact Mary Jo for details, mjmonahan709@gmail.com.
- The CCDC's SWAG sale has closed. A pickup party at the office will be scheduled for late May. A few sample shirts are still available for purchase at the office.
- The CCDC has 14 delegates moving through the process to potentially become delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August.

- Madison County Democratic Committee's Democracy Dinner and education fundraiser was very successful.

Vice Chair Community Operations/IT Committee, Ed Dunphy:

- The new CCDC website is basically functioning and targeted to launch in late May.
- The NAACP and Montpelier are hosting a 3-part forum on the 1st Amendment beginning May 4.
- The results of CCDC's Ranked Choice Voting straw poll with 56 participants were:
 - 1st choice: Briana Sewell
 - 2nd choice: Eugene Vindman
 - 3rd choice: Elizabeth Guzman

Events Committee: Marilyn Dunphy

- Upcoming events include (use SignUpGenius to volunteer):
 - June 2: Pride Festival, Mountain Run Winery, noon – 5 p.m.
 - June 14: CulpeperFest, Eastern View High School, 4 – 8 p.m.
 - June 21: Post-primary Celebration, Mountain Run Lake Park, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Precinct Operations and PO Committee Chair: Roger Gorg, Steven A. Jones, Jr.

- Planning meetings with the Precinct Captains have begun. Consideration is being given to reducing volunteer hours outside the polls.
- Crowd canvassing at the Registrar's office has begun, and canvassing will begin soon at the Culpeper Farmers' Market.
- Contact Roger Gorg rogergorg@comcast.net to volunteer.

PoliTalk Update: Rice Wagner

- Ten people attended the first get together and enjoyed lively, civil discussions.
- The next PoliTalk is scheduled for June 6, 1 p.m., at the library.
- Potential topics include local concerns, expansion of presidential powers, student protests, Project 2025, and the Supreme Court.
- Contact Rice for more details or to submit topics, rice123@gmail.com

Member Comments and News: None

GUEST SPEAKERS

Kaleb Hackley, President of the NAACP Culpeper Branch #7058, and Jason Ford provided an overview of the organization as well as recent and upcoming activities:

- Placement of commemorative markers highlighting significant African-American contributions to our community: Roscoe Ford, Culpeper's first Black sheriff; and Norman's Grocery, operated by the Tutt family since 1894.
- Joint forum with Montpelier on the 1st Amendment
- Workshop on the 1619 Project
- Civil Rights & Advocacy Institute
- Juneteenth Celebration, June 15, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Yowell Meadow Park
- For more information, to join, newsletter sign-up, and/or volunteer:
<https://naacpculpeper.org>

Meeting adjourned: 10:48 a.m.