

CCDC Membership Meeting
9 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024
Culpeper Police Dept.
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9-9:30 a.m. Guest, Harry Khanna, candidate for the Democratic National Committee. Five DNC members will be chosen June 22 at the state convention.

1. Call to Order 9:32 a.m.
2. Comments from Chair Mary Jo Monahan:

“Well, what a week this has been! I want to make three observations.

- The rule of law and our judicial system held. The decision was clear, decisive, unanimous, and based on evidence. As New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg said, “The only voice that matters is the voice of the jury.” Twelve ordinary citizens held the former president of the United States accountable for what he plainly did. They found Trump guilty on all 34 counts. This is what accountability looks like!
- All the professionals did their jobs: the prosecutors, the defense team, the jurors, the security team, the media, and the judge. That is what competence looks like!
- Most Americans do not want a convicted felon as our president. The choice between the two candidates is clear. We must make the choice clear. That is what advocacy looks like!

Now a call to action. Michelle Obama has said, “Don’t ever underestimate the impact you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own.” On Nov. 5, the only voices that matter are our voices as voters, so let’s keep working to get out the vote!”

3. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Jan Fitts, second by Beth Perrow.
4. Rice Wagner and Joseph Smith were accepted unanimously as new members (Jim Restel, Ed Dunphy).

5. The May minutes, as amended to correct an email address, were approved unanimously (Jim Restel, Roger Gorg). [Rice's email is ricew123@icloud.com]
6. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously (Jan Fitts, Rice Wagner).

7. Committee Chair Reports

- Chair's Report:
 - Thanks to Carol Thompson-Nelson for arranging meeting speakers. Carol asked for suggested speakers. Today's: G Nicholson to talk about pronouns and the Culpeper Pride Festival. July's is scheduled to be Amanda Linton with Women for Biden and Harris. In August, Andrew Hopewell, director of planning Town of Culpeper, will talk about growth, affordable housing, accessory units.
 - Please talk to Sharon Guenther about joining the office staff substitutes list.
 - Beth Perrow will attend the June 11 inspection of primary voting equipment. We'd like someone to attend the June 14 pre-processing of mail-in ballots. Registrar Melissa Hart needs more Democrats to work inside the polls in November.
 - Not all the swag has arrived.
 - Mary Jo is going to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, having been chosen at the CD7 convention in May. Joseph Smith was chosen as a Biden Elector.
 - CCDC will work with the NAACP on a planned debate and Souls to the Polls by bus or van.
- Vice Chair of Community Operations: Ed Dunphy urged members to apply for openings on town and county boards.

- Chair, Events/Social Committee: Marilyn Dunphy previewed the next day's Pride Festival; CulpeperFest, 4-8 p.m. June 14 around the track at Eastern View High School, and the picnic celebration for CD7's nominee, 5:30-8 p.m. June 21 at Mountain Run Lake Park. Bring a side dish to the picnic.
 - Vice Chair of Precinct Operations: Roger Gorg reported on Friday, Saturday Registrar Office and Farmer's Market crowd-canvassing. That will continue until the primary, then we'll stand down and pick back up later in the summer. For the primary, we'll staff 8-10 precincts.
 - PoliTalk: Rice said the next one will be 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at the library. Topics may include data centers; what Democrats and Republicans have in common; Project 2025; SCOTUS, and the Trump trial verdict.
8. Matt Borja, noting the passing of Town Council member Meghan Taylor, said he'll apply for appointment to her seat until the November elections. Rice Wagner has also applied.

Business meeting adjourned 10:32 a.m. (Jim Restel, Ed Dunphy)

Speaker, G Nicholson (they, them) of the Culpeper Pride Advocacy Board. "I have the words and the power to own being a person – not either gender or a third one." Any pronoun is okay, "but if you ask, I'm going to tell you" because "being called by the right pronouns does feel good. It's authenticating." G is co-chair of Pride at Work, which helps LBGTQ++ employees who face discrimination on the job. They noted that the C Recovery Center has a Pride Support group.

Next Meeting: 9 a.m. Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the Town Police Department