

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee**  
**9 a.m. Oct. 5, 2024**  
**Culpeper Police Department**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was maintained at all times.
2. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Marilyn Dunphy, second by Alison Howard.
3. Eight new members – Bruce Harrison, Traci Mannino-Cantrell, Ramona McLinden, Marysa Mullen, Monica Olsen, Josh Pieper, Kim Price, and Julia Travers – were accepted unanimously (Ed Dunphy, Anita Street). That brings our membership to 124.
4. The September minutes were approved unanimously. (Jan Fitts, Ed Dunphy)
5. Treasurer’s report was approved unanimously. (Matt Borja, Anita Street)
6. Reports
  - Chair Mary Jo Monahan
    - Mary Jo recapped the joy and enthusiasm she experienced as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in August. “They will not get my joy,” she said of our neighbors across Main Street.
    - We have moved out of the attic to 411 Main St., thanks to landlord Josh Daniel. The September Open House there and next door at Burnt Ends BBQ was a big success.
    - The office is now open six days a week to Get Out the Vote. Since Kamala’s announcement and our move, we’re getting 10 to 20 visitors a day. A camera security system has been installed.
    - Mary Jo has met with the Registrar to discuss measures being taken to ensure a fair, accessible, safe election.
    - She recapped two Vindman-Anderson appearances -- the second of which was marred by loud, rude behavior by Anderson supporters – and the Kaine fundraiser at the Stocks’ farm.
  - Vice Chair for Community Operations Ed Dunphy
    - CCDC members helped with NAACP voter registration drives at the George Washington Carver Agricultural Research Center during the Farm Tour and at Eastern View HS. Seven of the 20 members who volunteered are new to CCDC since Kamala Harris entered the race. We were not allowed to register voters as planned at Culpeper County HS after Republicans complained that the effort is partisan. NAACP officials say they don’t plan to let the matter rest there.
    - Laura Adler updated changes to the new website, including a Welcome slide show and a listing of our extended hours. It also features a post of CCDC member Mike McClary starring in a Veterans for Vindman ad.
  - Events Chair Marilyn Dunphy
    - The next PoliTalk will be held from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the office. One possible topic: Agenda 47.
    - There was general sentiment for opening the office the morning after the election so we can experience the aftermath together.
    - Cindy Vindman will visit HQ from 3-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14
    - Suzanne Ross will look into the possibility of renting a bus to the inauguration.
    - The next Events Committee meeting is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9. Anyone with an interest is welcome.
  - Vice Chair for Precinct Operations Roger Gorg

- We crowd-canvassed at the Farmers Market three of four Saturdays in September (and will do three more Saturdays in October) and Fridays at the Registrar's office. We'll do October Fridays there plus the last two Saturdays before the election.
  - Seven huge Vindman signs have been planted; we're waiting for big Harris signs.
  - Josh Daniel created 20 large, themed signs and 40-50 smaller ones. In all, more than 600 signs have gone out the door.
  - Seventy volunteers wrote a total of 6,000 postcards.
  - Voter drive at EVHS yielded 131 students registered.
  - We need volunteers to welcome voters outside the polls and volunteers to be observers inside the polls.
- Coordinated Campaign Regional Organizer Matt Borja
    - In September, we knocked 1,000 doors in two Culpeper precincts.
    - We phone-banked 3,300 voters.
    - We had a vice-presidential debate watch party.
    - Now the attention shifts to mobilizing Blue voters in four town precincts. Canvassing will start at 10 a.m. each Saturday and every day from Nov. 2-5.
    - Phone banking continues every Tuesday and Friday.

7. Announcements

- Ed highlighted the Culpeper Literary Council's fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Old House Winery.

8. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. (Alison, Anita)

Our guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. was Brandon Thurner, vice chair for statewide affairs with the Providence Democrats in Fairfax County. He talked about GOTV canvassing efforts throughout Northern Virginia.