

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee**  
Culpeper Police Department Community Room  
Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9 a.m.

1. Call to Order: 9:31 a.m.
  - Approximately eight visitors introduced themselves
2. The agenda was unanimously approved.
3. Six new members were unanimously accepted (Jim Restel, Stewart Richer): Daniel Else, Keri Fox, Matthew Fox, Jeremy Lawson, Lily Sipe, Sandy Suty. Total 2024 membership is 136.
4. The November minutes were unanimously approved. (Jim Restel, Dan Else)
5. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved following discussion of CCDC's relatively large bank balance being the result of unspent 2024 postcard monies due to the delay in determining the Democratic candidate for president. It was further noted that the \$10K, received as a legacy, is invested in a CD as a buffer against future expenses instead of potential operating expenses. (Jan Fitts, Marilyn Dunphy)
6. Chair's comments and report – Mary Jo Monahan
  - a. Praised the value of the CCDC's newsletter and its editor. Noted it is archived on the CCDC website.
  - b. Commented on resistance, when used constructively, can be a useful tool moving forward.
  - c. Announced the Vice Chair, Precinct Operations position is now vacant and accepting nominations for 2025. Contact Mary Jo [mjmonahan709@gmail.com](mailto:mjmonahan709@gmail.com)
  - d. December office hours are Monday – Friday, noon – 2 p.m.
  - e. Warm outerwear donations on behalf of Empowering Culpeper are being accepted at the office until December 20.
  - f. The CCDC has volunteered to prepare meals at the warming shelter during the week of January 5 – 11. To volunteer contact Mary Jo [mjmonahan709@gmail.com](mailto:mjmonahan709@gmail.com)
  - g. December 10, 2024, is the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Please participate soon in asking President Biden to initiate the final ratification process before leaving office.
  - h. Requests for changes to the Bylaws should be submitted to Jan Fitts in the coming weeks for consideration in making updates. Contact [Janfitts@gmail.com](mailto:Janfitts@gmail.com)

## 7. Committee Chair Reports

- Vice Chair, Community Operations/IT – Ed Dunphy: Elections in 2025:
  - Mayor
  - 4 Town Council members (all at-large for town residents)
  - 3 Board of Supervisors members (specific to county residence)
  - Various Culpeper citizens commissions
  - Va. House of Delegates District 61, Michael Webert (R)
  - Va. House of Delegates District 62, Sara Ratcliffe (D) vs. Freitas (R)
  - Governor
  - Lt. Governor
  - Attorney General
- Events/Social Committee – Marilyn Dunphy:
  - Peace through Justice Project, December 16, Culpeper Baptist Church
  - CCDC coffee socials at the office, December 11 and 18, 10 a.m. – noon
- Chair and Vice Chair, Precinct Operations:
  - Matt Borja will be give the update at the debrief following the meeting
- Membership – Carolyn Walker
  - Total CCDC 2024 membership is 136; to date 25% have renewed for 2025

## 8. Poli-Talk Report – Rice Wagner

- Next Poli-Talk January 22, 2025, 1 – 3 p.m. in the library’s large meeting room.

## 9. Meeting adjourned: 10:27 (Jim Restel, Ed Dunphy)

Immediately following the meeting:

Guest Speaker: J. Miles Coleman, Associate Editor, Sabato’s Crystal Ball, UVA Center  
for Politics

2024 Elections Debrief and Roundtable Discussion

**Next CCDC General Membership Meeting: Saturday, January 4, 2025**