

Culpeper County Democratic Committee

Culpeper Police Dept. Community Room

9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025

1. Jay Jones, candidate for Virginia Attorney General, had the floor for 15 minutes.
2. Call to Order: 9:47 a.m.
3. Chair Mary Jo Monahan welcomed about a dozen first-time attendees.
4. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Alison Howard, second by Dan Else
5. Four new members were accepted, bringing our total to 145.
6. The chair described a proposed addition to the Executive Committee, Vice Chair for Intraparty Coordination. This officer would be responsible for facilitating communication and cooperation with the other Piedmont county committees.
7. The January minutes were approved unanimously. (Jan Fitts, Ed Dunphy)
8. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously. (Ed Dunphy, Steve Jones)
9. Chair's Comments
 - Graphic artist Marysa Mullen has been appointed as the new (and long-needed) Communications Manager. She began by attending the recent Pride Prom and getting CCDC on BlueSky.
 - Josh Pieper spoke about offering CCDC as the missing "third space" for young people. We can invite them to social events at HQ and hope to demonstrate CCDC's relevance and usefulness to them.
 - Matt Borja asked for volunteers to serve on the task force that will "take the second step," giving young people something to vote *for* and getting them to the polls.
 - The new office manager, Laura Adler, sought volunteers to increase our open hours.
 - Randy Dunn described a proposed Rapid Response Team to contact our legislators on issues we care about and jump-start support for solutions to local problems. He sought interested participants.

10. Committee Chair Reports

- Vice Chair of Community Operations, Ed Dunphy
 - 1 p.m. Feb. 8 ballot access training for prospective local-office candidates at the Culpeper Public Library
 - Ed recommended joining the ACLU, now our *de facto* Justice Department.
 - Ballot petitions were circulated for Abigail Spanberger, Sara Ratcliffe, and Frank Reaves.

- Events/Social Committee Chair, Marilyn Dunphy
 - Marilyn reported on the very informal, very productive, very cathartic Wednesday morning meet-ups, a chance to commiserate and brainstorm.

- Vice Chair of Precinct Operations, Joseph Smith
 - Joseph asked people to put the June 17 primary and the November election on their radars to volunteer for crowd canvassing (June and November) and precinct staffing (November).

11. Poli-Talk Report – Jan Fitts described Poli-Talk as another opportunity to talk to neighbors who don't necessarily agree. The next one is 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m. (Matt Borja, Dan Else)

Next meeting: 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025, Culpeper Police Dept. Community Room