

Culpeper County Democratic Committee

Membership Meeting

ASWB Conference Room

9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2025

1. Guest: Eugene Vindman, fully staffed and prioritizing return-to work reversal legislation. His next town hall April 23 at Germanna, drawing from across the Piedmont, Musk was rebuffed in Wisconsin. Our enormous engagement must be sustained through the midterms. Abigail's race is the center of the political universe.
2. Call to Order: 9:47 a.m.
3. Welcome to our new digs at the Association of Social Worker Boards, where our chair is former CEO.
4. Ten first-time attendees were invited to stand and be recognized gladly.
5. Randy Dunn is the new parliamentarian.
6. The agenda was approved unanimously (on a motion by Roger Gorg, second by Dan Else)
7. Membership report – Carolyn Walker
 - Current membership = 154. Eighteen new members were accepted. (Dan Else, Carolyn): Susan Kinsley, Barbara Moseley, Patricia Soler, Christine Morgante, Carl Zitzmann, Beth Aitcheson, Judith Muffley, Jennifer Hinkamp, Christina Stockton, Lori Huffman, James Woehr, Paula Woehr, Carolyn Robertson, Christine Tenney, Vivian Bowles, Suzanne Clark, Edna Mason, and Ellen Mouri. That brings membership to 172.
 - 2024 members' dues renewals = 74 of 136; 54%.
 - Members paid through 2025 = 104 of 154; 68%.
 - Targeted second-notice email reminders for 2025 dues were sent in mid-March 2025. Regular reminders in MailChimp newsletters should continue.
 - Carolyn is participating in the Marketing/Strategy committee.
8. The March minutes were approved unanimously. (Ed Dunphy, Joseph Smith)
9. Karen Bywaters' treasurer's report was accepted. (Patience Wait, Ed Dunphy)
10. Chair's Comments — Mary Jo Monahan
 - Thanks to ASWB for hosting us.
 - The chair will be on vacation for the May meeting, which Ed Dunphy will chair.
 - "Hands Off" Rally: Thanks to the planning committee. We'll gather at five locations downtown. There were 252 signups.
 - The next Poli-Talk is scheduled 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23.
11. Communications Update – Marysa Mullen
 - We've hit 1,500 Facebook followers and almost 1,000 newsletter subscribers. Bluesky bingo has wrapped up.

- Laura's Office Report: Rally check-in will be at the office.
- Rapid Response Team – Randy Dunn: The team meets noon-2 p.m. each Wednesday. It has organized rally poster-making and helped Josh Weil in Florida by writing 250 postcards. The current focus is contacting legislators to oppose the SAVE Act, which would suppress the vote.

12. Committee Chair Reports

- Vice Chair of Community Operations – Ed Dunphy: It's been all rally, all the time.
- Events – Marilyn Dunphy:
 - Culpeperpalooza – Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, at Mountain Run Winery -- is a fundraiser for SAFE this year; we'll give out water.
 - Culpeper Pride Festival is Sunday, June 1, also at Mountain Run.
 - CulpeperFest is scheduled 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Germanna.
- Vice Chair of Precinct Operations & Chair of Precinct Operations Subcommittee – Joseph Smith with committee chair Steven Jones: We're about to concentrate on GOTV.
- Vice Chair of Intraparty Collaboration – Dan Else: In Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg, several hundred people have signed up to rally. Per capita, we win.

13. New business: Tracy Neely, elections board member, reminded us that early primary voting begins May 2 at the Registrar's office.

14. Adjourn 10:58 p.m. (Alison Howard, Steve Jones)

Guest speakers

Jac Bennington, candidate for delegate in House District 61

Shannon Taylor, Henrico County commonwealth's attorney and candidate for Virginia attorney general.

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 3, 2025