

## **Culpeper County Democratic Committee**

ASWB Conference Room

9 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2025

1. Call to Order 9:30 a.m.
2. Welcome visitors
3. The new parliamentarian, Randy Dunn, was introduced. He is also co-chair of the Rapid Response Team.
4. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Erin Restel, second by Ed Dunphy.
5. Jennnifer Cook, Leonore Jordan, and Everett Seymour were accepted unanimously as new members (Ed Dunphy, Steven Jones). Total membership is now 186.
6. The May minutes were approved unanimously (Ed Dunphy, Daniel Else).
7. Karen Bywaters' treasurer's report was approved unanimously (Joseph Smith, Daniel Else).
8. Mary Jo's Comments
  - Thanks to Ed Dunphy for running the show while she was on vacation.
  - She cited a David Frum article saying that community organizing and persistent grassroots protests will encourage anti-Trump voters. "It's working here," she said.
  - The office is now open six days a week with new visitors arriving every day.
  - We had a successful fundraiser for Sara Ratcliffe and a well-attended booth at Pride.
  - Coming up: No Kings Day protest.
9. Laura Adler: No Kings will be mostly on the Rt. 29 sidewalk by Walmart this time. Please alert Laura to accessibility needs. Randy Dunn reported that Culpeper Police and the Sheriff's Department have been looped in to our plans and will have a presence.
10. Rapid Response Team looks for issues we can do something about quickly.
  - The team will use a corner of the newsletter to highlight current issues.
  - Ahead of No Kings, it will sponsor two poster-making parties: one at 6 p.m. Tuesday 6/10 with a chicken taco potluck dinner and the chance to remain for an ACLU training broadcast on Know Your Rights for protesters, the second 2-6 p.m. Wednesday 6/11.
  - Other initiatives may include letter-writing campaigns to our representatives or information flyers.
11. Events – Marilyn Dunphy: We need volunteers 6/13 for CulpeperFest, which brings out businesses and nonprofits to share information about what they do, what resources they

make available to the community. Leonora Jordan announced a phone tree 6-8 p.m. Saturday, 6/7, inviting strong Democrats to participate in No Kings.

## 12. Committee Chair Reports

- Vice Chair of Community Operations – Ed
  - Ed has been working with three people who would like to be on the ballot for Town Council this November – Brent Amos, Whitney Grespin, and Brian Brumfield-Horner – collecting signatures and providing advice through our training documents for local candidates. The person who had indicated an interest in running for the Jefferson District on the School Board won't proceed this election cycle.
  - Ed and Charles Jameson installed 4'x4' Abigail Spanberger and Sara Ratcliffe signs on Routes 15, 3, and 522. We have been using signs from their previous campaigns. Ed has ordered 4' x 1' signs that say "For Governor" to add to the bottom of Abigail's signs in place of "For Congress." Thank you to Marysa Mullens for the graphic design. The edits will be ready about June 16. We will be doing more installs in August/September. VDOT crews have not mowed many of the roadsides we use.
  - We need volunteers 6/13 at our booth at CulpeperFest. Make sure you go to the Signup Genius included in the newsletter.
  - Many thanks to the crew that helped at Culpeper Pride. You did a wonderful job answering questions and selling MAGA Pushback signs. We sold 21 signs and raised \$210 for Culpeper Pride.
- Vice Chair of Precinct Operations & Chair of Precinct Operations Subcommittee – Joseph Smith & Steven Jones: We need volunteers at the polls for the June 17 primary. We need marchers Thursday 8/7 in the Brandy Station Firemen's Parade, mustering at 5:30 p.m. and stepping off at 6:30 p.m.
- Vice Chair of Intraparty Collaboration - Dan Else: Dan attends meetings of the other Piedmont Democratic committees so you don't have to! Greene County encourages us to turn out for Sara at its July 4 parade. The speaker at the Lake of the Woods Democratic Club's annual picnic will be William B. Taylor Jr., former ambassador to Ukraine. Follow Dan's travels in his newsletter reports.

## 13. Adjourned 10:34 a.m. (Alison Howard, Roger Gorg)

Guest Speakers: Sara Ratcliffe (HOD 62) and Jac Bennington (HOD 61)

**Next Meeting: Saturday, July 5, 2025**