

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2025

Meeting called to order 9:35 a.m.

I. Welcome to New Members

Dara Fox  
Cara Annunzi  
Edna Mason  
Wilma White  
Carol Thompson Nelson  
Dawson Nash

Motion to accept new members approved (G/Erin)

Total membership is now 91

II. The agenda was approved as presented (Restel/Else)

III. The Minutes of the January 3, 2026 were approved as presented (Walker/Monahan)

IV. Chair Remarks

- Cited recent events including the Venezuela military operation, the killings in Minneapolis, the attempted takeover of Greenland, FBI raid in Georgia and the Epstein files. All these bombardments are done in order to make people feel defeated. Stressed the need to keep fighting. as the future will be better because of our actions. We need to put in the effort in order to have success.
- Call for Volunteers
  - Vice Chair of Community Operations
  - Membership Co-chair,
  - Captains to track town council and board of supervisors meetings
  - Someone to increase presence on social media, Blue Sky and Instagram in particular
- Encouraged members to sign petitions for our candidates to run
- Suggested offering more social events for members, friends and family such as the Valentine's party today as well as the evening get-together on Wednesdays for those who can't attend morning coffee.

V. Vice Chair Intraparty Coordination Report - Dan Else

- Dan's report is attached as an addendum
- There was a lively discussion about the merits of Virginia approving a redistricting measure before it would normally happen. One member voiced the opinion that it seemed "unfair". Several members spoke out with the many reasons why fairness went out the window when Republicans changed all the rules.

VI. Vice Chair Precinct Ops Report - MaryJo Monahan

- Would like for our committee to have a statement to promote voting
- Mentioned the three upcoming elections that the precincts will be working on
  - April 21 Redistricting - early voting March 6-April 18
  - June 16 Primary - early voting May 1-June 13
  - November 3 General Election - early voting begins September 18
- Pat Solar will chair the Ops subcommittee, recruiting captains for each district (16) who will in turn recruit teams to work their precincts to register people to vote and encourage personal relationships
- Spoke of the need to organize driving people to the polls if a ride is needed
- Upcoming Events
  - March 21 Vindman fundraiser at the Monahan home
  - April: canvassing for redistricting vote
  - May-June: voter registration drive at farmer's market
  - July-October booth at the farmer's market
  - Heat Shelter volunteers needed to cook dinner March 3-7
  - March 28 No Kings rally, coordinate with Persisters

VII. Treasurer's Report was approved as presented (Restel/Walker)

VIII. Communication's Report - Marysa Mullen

- Marysa encouraged members to engage in social media with intelligent messaging and to like and share posts on Facebook, Instagram and Blue Sky

IX. Office Manager Report - Lorae McDonald

- Office will be open at least two hours each weekday, 4 hours on Fridays
- Volunteers will be needed around the election dates
- There will be a luncheon for office staff Wednesday February 11, 12:30

X. New Business

- Congressional Redistricting Special Election: April 21, 2026, with early voting March 6-April 18
- Motion to engage CCDC to support redistricting passed by a show of hands vote 35 yea, 0 nay (Restel/Else)
- Harold Boyd Memorial Scholarship: Memorabilia has been donated by his son to raise funds for this scholarship. Volunteers are needed to market the collection.
- Members were encouraged to sign the petitions for the upcoming elections.

XI. Public Comments

- G Nicholson suggested members should write to Karen Hamilton stressing objections to HB532, which is in subcommittee now.
- Ed Dunphy suggested the website Richmond Sunlight for people to research issues of interest to them.

XII. Motion to Adjourn (Restel/Monahan) The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.