

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2026**

The meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Membership**

There are ten new members which brings our total membership to 101. A motion was made by Carolyn Walker to vote them in and was seconded by Jim Restel.

**Chair's Remarks**

Chair Josh Pieper noted that the committee will take a somewhat more relaxed approach to Robert's Rules of Order moving forward while still maintaining formal votes when admitting new members.

He encouraged members to support the Redistricting Amendment and emphasized the importance of continued civic engagement. He noted that the resolution will ultimately be reviewed by the Virginia Supreme Court, with a decision expected April 23.

Josh also discussed attempts by both the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors to put a resolution forth to eliminate early voting. They were rendered moot by a court decision which allows early voting to continue. Although the effort failed, he stressed the importance of monitoring local government actions, attending public meetings, and informing the community about potential impacts of local decisions.

Members also discussed the Board of Supervisors' decision to terminate Sam McLearen during a closed session. Some expressed concern about the circumstances surrounding the decision and possible conflicts of interest involving both town and county boards.

Members were encouraged to take signs, sign petitions, take our new business cards to post on bulletin boards around town. Large barn signs will arrive next week and be placed in high traffic areas.

**Student March**

Eastern View High School students are planning a civil march from the Urgent Care on Madison Road to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, March 10, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They reached out to us hoping for support in the way of adult supervision and safety. The meeting is in the Economic Development Building, 302 N. Main St.

**Addendum**

**Dan Else's** report is attached as an addendum. The report indicates that other committees are experiencing similar challenges related to the resolution.

**Mary Jo Monahan - Precinct Operations**

Mary Jo was proud to report that CCDC members supported the Warming Shelter by donating their time and effort in providing meals. Volunteers shared that the experience was very rewarding.

She reported that approximately 300 people showed up to vote on the first day of early voting last Friday.

Volunteers are needed to hold signs at the Registrar's Office on Fridays and Saturdays in two hour shifts - 9 AM to 11 AM and 11 AM to 1 PM.

### **Precinct Captains**

- Sharon Guenther — Brandy Station
- Steven Jones — East Fairfax
- Irwin Lash — Eggbornsville
- Carolyn Heal — Eldorado
- Roger Gorg — Jeffersonton
- Sharon Gunzer and Karen Bywaters — Pearl Sample
- Larry Geisling — West Fairfax

### **David Perrow - Treasurer**

David presented the financial report.

### **Marysa Mullen - Communications**

Marysa announced that there are yard signs, ICE bumper stickers and ICE pins available at the office. She has also made business cards and a calendar for all county and town meetings, as well as a calendar for No Kings.

Members interested in being on the social media team for communications there encouraged to contact her.

Odd Sundays, a social gathering group, comes on Sundays with an odd numbered date. This Sunday, March 15, there is a walk at Yowell Meadow Park at 11:00 a.m..

### **Erin Restel - No Kings**

Erin and her team are gearing up for the No Kings March. There will be three locations:

- The Social Security Building
- Committee Headquarters
- The Walmart sidewalk

Members were encouraged to attend the Walmart location, which can accommodate a larger crowd. Safety is being emphasized and those who wish to be on the Yellow Jackets team should reach out to Mary Jo.

Those who are interested in getting the word out should contact Leo, Mary Jo or Laura. A volunteer is also needed to document the event.

A poster making party will be March 25 during the Wednesday evening potluck.

**Guest Speakers**

- Sharon Guenther, Empowering Culpeper
- Mary Tilka, Vindman Campaign
- Lorita Daniels, Candidate for U.S. Senate

The Meeting was **adjourned at 11:07 a.m.**