

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee
General Membership Meeting April 4, 2026
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Remarks - Josh Pieper

Bylaws Updated

- Section 3.3 removed (Young Dems)
- Section 4.2, 5/3 Clarified that membership will extend to the biennial period for reporting purposes
- Section 6.1 Clarified that removal proceedings may occur for publicly supporting opposition
- Section 7.1, 7.3 added Vice Chair Intraparty Coordinator to line of succession
- Article 8, all sections added Vice Chair Intraparty Coordinator section, reformatted all sections to be in paragraph form.
- Section 9.3 clarified order of announcements for candidate search committee
- Section 12.1 Grammatical change to align with DPVA Party Plan
- Section 17.1 Increased flexibility of dues, assessments, and fees.

Motion to accept changes to Bylaws (Jim Restel/Mary Jo Monahan)

Three new members voted in (Jim Restel/Mary Jo Monahan)

Local Republican Rally

- Scheduled to take place on April 11 at the Registrar's Office. This may be in question due to dangers with traffic and we will check with the police to see if all is as it should be.
- It was decided to make sure the office is staffed to address any issues that may arise.

Vice Chair Intra-party Coordination - Dan Else

Redistricting

- Piedmont Democratic committees are concentrating on getting out the vote for the redistricting referendum. Committees have redoubled their efforts using methods such as using door hangers, postcard and letter-writing parties, phone banking, etc.
- Dan is hosting an informational discussion at the Culpeper County Library on Saturday, April 11, between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

No Kings Day 3.0

- Local committees held its own and/or supported rallies in other counties.

Primary Election (August 4) and General Election (November 3)

- Candidates for the Democratic nomination in House and Senate elections are starting to appear at monthly meetings.

Piedmont Rally

- Planning for the cross-county Piedmont Democratic Summer Rally are underway. Proceeds will go to the Democratic nominee for CD-7.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Perrow

Vice Chair Precinct Ops Report - Mary Jo Monahan

Special Election, April 21, 2026

- Members were asked to volunteer for crowd canvassing at the Registrar's Office on Fridays and Saturdays in shifts. a few polls are showing that we have a +9 point advantage among registered voters.

Tuesday, August 4

- Primary for Senate and House of Representatives CD7 candidate.

Tuesday, November 3

- General Election, early voting 9/18 - 10/31.

2026 Goals and Objectives

Current Captains

- Sharon Church, Brandy Station
 - Steven Jones, East Fairfax
 - Erwin Lesh, Eggbornsville
 - Caroline Heald, Eldorado
 - Roger Gorg, Jeffersonton
 - Sharon Guenther and Karen Bywaters, Pearl Sample
 - Leonore Jorden, South Ridge
 - Larry Geistling, West Fairfax
 - Pat Soler, Willow Shade
 - Browns Store and Rixeyville posts are still open
- Identify and register Democratic and other supportive voters and encourage membership and participation.
 - Explore working with Registrar's Office to conduct voter registration activities in the community, such as Farmers Market and churches, as well as attending the meetings.

- Recruit 2-4 members to serve as the Voter Protection Team.
- Voter Education and engagement with the Culpeper community.
- April through November, canvass, encourage registration and collaborate with state campaigns. Tents will be set up at appropriate days and times. More information and requests for volunteers will be forthcoming as deadlines approach.

Comments:

- No Kings 3 Rally was a success with an estimated 500 participants.
- Next activity is May Day Strong in conjunction with the Piedmont Persisters. Goal is to connect with like-minded organizations, focussing on an economic black out.
- Encourage enthusiastic participation with our upcoming elections by reaching out to friends and neighbors by passing out yard signs, decals and buttons, etc.

Event Subcommittee Report - Marilyn Dunphy

Marilyn encouraged broadcasting the event Dan is having at the library by posting it on their social media, etc.

Wednesday Morning Coffee 10:00 a.m.

A place where members can get to know each other through socialization and conversation.

Culpeper Pride

Need coverage to man the table and participate in promoting our organization. It is a fun event with a lot of attendance.

Friday, June 12

Culpeper Fest at Germanna Community College where we will focus on providing information about the candidates.

June 13

Culpeper Palooza at Mountain Run Winery. This is a music event that raises money for SAFE.

Guest Speakers: Nilafer Garza, Delegate Adele McClure, J.P. Coony

Meeting adjourned 10:55 a.m.