

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2026**

Called to order 9:35 a.m.

Chairman Remarks - Josh Pieper

Josh spoke about the recent gerrymandering going on throughout the country.

Membership

There are 7 new members voted in. Total membership is now 111.

Precinct Operations Report - Mary Jo Monahan

- Two elections coming up: Primary 8/4/2026 with early voting beginning 6/19/2026, General 11/4/2026 with early voting beginning 9/18/2026.
- Encouraged a large turnout for volunteers at the polls.
- There were ten captains recruited in the past three months and the precincts are functioning well.
- Mary Jo thanked all the volunteers who worked at the polls for the referendum vote.
- New tents and new banners will be available soon.
- May-October: Farmers Market on Saturdays - volunteers needed to set up and take down our booth, help recruit volunteers - three to four per day. She encouraged potential volunteers to take the online course in order to help with voter registration.
- Volunteers needed to canvass on weekends in collaboration with the campaigns, providing swag as it is provided to us.
- Volunteers for crowd canvassing outside registration office on Fridays for early voting.
- General election: Candidate Forum will be late June or early July. Ed will know more towards the end of May.
- Mary Jo spoke of her spontaneous protest outside our offices on Friday concerning voting rights. Many people thanked her as they went by and she suggested that we do something similar every Friday from 1-2 p.m.

Accounting Report - Dave Perrow

Events Chairman - Marilyn Dunphy

Upcoming Events

- 6/7 - Pride Day at Mountain Run Winery 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
- 6/12 - Culpeper Fest at Germanna Community College 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 6/12 and 13 - "Kid-peper" Palooza (formerly Culpeper Palooza) at Mountain Run Winery 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Marilyn is looking for ideas for apparel such as hats or t-shirts. Marissa may design them and Marilyn will set it up so members can buy them online.

A member suggested looking into participating in the 5/28 Fireman's Parade.

Intraparty Report - Dan Else

The report is attached as an addendum.

Supreme Court comments on redistricting, full report attached.

- Chronology
- Impact on Redistricting
- How Did We Get Here
- Arguments before the Virginia Supreme Court
- Voting Rights Act of 1965 - detailed history
- SCOTUS hacking away at the Voting Rights Act
- Encouragement to get people engaged and involved

Motions: All pertinent motions were approved (Dan Else/Steven Jones)

Guest Speakers:

Dan Helmer

Elizabeth Guzman