

Culpeper County Democratic Committee

General Membership Meeting

June 6, 2026

Called to order 9:30 a.m.

I. Chairman Remarks - Josh Pieper

- Remarks surrounding recent decisions of Governor Spanberger and Eugene Vindman that were received with disappointment by the committee.
- Reiterated our mission which is to nominate good candidates, expand elections, build continuity and fundraise.
- We need to stand by our candidates but can certainly have discussions about our disagreements with some of their decisions.
- It was suggested that there should be a Executive Committee meeting before issuing statements on behalf of CCDC.

II. Membership Rolls Update

- Five new members were voted in (Carolyn Walker/Roger Gorg), bringing the membership to 116.

III. Intraparty Report - Dan Else (The full report is attached as an addendum.)

- The reach of the Intraparty Newsletter is expanding further afield to Augusta, Fredericksburg City, Louisa and Rockingham.
- The DPVA Blue Gala is scheduled for June 27 in Richmond. More info at their website.
- Lots of parades in Piedmont area are scheduled.
- Committees sounding common themes which include data center and associated ultra-high voltage lines along with discussions of ICE activity.
- Young Democrats are active in several areas such as Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Louisa, Loudoun, Fauquier and Greene.
- Spotsylvania Dems actively recruiting candidates - 17 seats up for grabs.
- Pride festivals, Juneteenth observances, fundraising and socializing are very active in all the committees.
- Committees are also throwing their support behind other local organizations.

- Piedmont Rally is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, between 3:00 and 6:00 pm.

IV. Precinct Operations Report - Mary Jo Monahan

- Stressed the importance of recruiting voters.
- Saturday Farmer's Market continues to be productive
- June 14, Flag Day at CCDC 1-2 pm
- Fundraiser for Warner at private home in Brandy Station.
- Piedmont Rally August 15
- Dan's government educational sessions should be promoted throughout the community.
- Member Nila Fargarza spoke of recruiting Dems for local positions, school boards, education boards for Culpeper, Spotsy, Orange. They are starting a PAC to raise money for this purpose. Help needed on every front!

V. Treasurer's Report - Dave Perrow

VI. Communications Report - Marysa Mullen

- Still has calendars for Culpeper Government meetings and encouraged members to attend and get more involved in local issues.
- She is opening the store for t-shirts, polo shirts and hats with our logos. Money raised for CASH

VII. Other Comments

- Loraie is asking for opportunities for volunteers to join us in a more active way at the office.
- **Persisters Activities - Erin Restel**
 - "Rise Up and Sing Out" event in lieu of No Kings Rally
 - Pride potluck at CCDC June 11
 - Walk for Juneteenth, African American history in Culpeper
 - Book club meeting August 16

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m. (Jim Restel/Mary Jo Monahan)

Next Meeting July 11th, 9 a.m.