

Culpeper County Democratic Committee
General Membership Meeting
September 5, 2026

Call to order 9:33 a.m.

Chairman Remarks - Josh Pieper

- I. Membership: Five new members voted in (MJ/JR) bringing membership to 121.
- II. November meeting is canceled but we may set up a special event for that weekend.
- III. Candidate Recruitment Forum
 - A. To be held at our office on September 14 at 6:30-8:30 PM.
 - B. Dan Helmer (HD-10, DPVA Campaigns Chair) and Don Scott (HD-88, Speaker of the VA House of Delegates) will be there to discuss resources and help that will be available for future local campaigns.
 - C. We will aggressively pursue finding candidates for these jobs. Some BOS and Town Council may resign in addition to the seats that will be up for election.
 - D. Members were encouraged to advertise this event by posting notices.
 - E. This meeting will be for the entire Piedmont region.
 - F. MaryJo will set up tents at headquarters to accommodate the different groups.

IV. Precinct Operations Report - MaryJo Monahan

- A. MaryJo invited two guests from the Electoral Board ,Tracy Neeley and Randy Dunn, to talk about the Electoral Board.
 - (a) The Electoral Board's mission is to ensure elections are smoothly and safely run, and that voters have good experiences at precincts. It certifies elections and decides if new precincts are needed. The Board assists the registrar, and ensures votes are counted, certified and delivered to the court for storage. Votes are certified and counted three or four times.
 - (b) Provisional ballots are gone through by the State Election Board to ensure they are from certified voters. The Board is bipartisan, each county has two Democrats and one Republican, based on who wins the election (D or R).

(c) Election officers are chosen by the Electoral Board and must be trained.

(d) They informed us of the logistics of upcoming election:

- Make sure your registration is certified by going to iwillvote.org/va Check it early and often! This avoids possible shenanigans.
- Early voting is 9/18 through 10/31.
- All precincts have a drop box for mail in ballots and there is curbside voting for those who need it. It is legal in Virginia that a ballot can be dropped off by anyone. It would be a good idea to promote this fact for people who can't physically do a drop off. This would be a good conversation to have when canvassing. Ask if voters need a ride to either vote or to drop off their ballot.
- You have to bring mail-in ballots with you and turn in, otherwise your vote is provisional.
- Important to have a plan to vote. Make sure you know your precinct. Mary Jo encouraged members to volunteer at the precincts on election day. Sign up sheet in the back.

V. Intra-party Report - Dan Else

- A. The report is attached as an addendum. It contains news of the issues facing all the committees. He also provides much information on what each committee is involved with.

VI. Treasurer's Report - David Perrow

- A. There were \$2,000 in donations and expenses were normal giving us a balance of \$16,476.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.