

**10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Meeting Minutes**  
**Omni Hotel, Shenandoah Room H - 2nd Floor, 100 S. 12th St, Richmond, VA**  
**2:30 pm on June 16, 2018**

**In-Person Attendees:** Kimberly Adams, Tim Buchholz, Karen Campblin, Bo Cherif, Tom Counts, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Monte Johnson, Clara Meagher, Zach Pruckowski, Koran Saines, Joanne Spano, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

**Attendees By Phone:** Hector Cendejas, Kevin Kennedy, Leopoldo Martinez, Linda McCray, Marie Straub.

**Excused Absences:** Kristine Condie, Ellen Heald, Matt Leslie, Kathleen Murphy, EJ Scott.

**Unexcused Absences:** None.

**Guests:** Amy Carter, Louisa Janssen, Jennifer Wexton.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair - **Meeting called to order at 2:40 PM.**
  - a. Approval of Agenda - **MOTION, 2nd - PASSED.**
  - b. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2018, Meeting (Attachment) - **MOTION, 2nd - PASSED.**
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Approximately \$2,300 raised for Exit Poll, approximately \$1500 spent + upcoming payment for \$750, so we should break even on the Exit Poll. **State - \$474.08, Federal - \$9,975.57 (less outstanding bills for Exit Poll). We're running out of checks and more need to be ordered, so there will be a charge soon for that (Action Item).**

**Brief remarks made by, and photos taken with, State Senator and 10 CD Candidate Jennifer Wexton.**

**Introduction of Louisa Janssen - Virginia Young Dems Campaign Chair.**

**Chair's Report - 1) Zach offered access to exit polling data. It needs to be held somewhat closely - some of the information is confidential. Contact him if you want it. 2) A successful Unity Event was held this past Thursday. Zach did the organizing (lots of calls to campaigns to coordinate a date and time). All of the candidates were present since all of them are great people, and the five who lost each expressed sincere support for Sen. Wexton, winner of the Primary.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. Donation to Wexton campaign - **We're allowed to donate \$10,000 directly. We can also raise funds and make independent expenditures (signs, ads, staff, etc.). MOTION - Jerry Foltz, 2nd - Donate \$10,000 to Wexton campaign. Suggestion by Shelley Tamres to donate \$5,000 now and \$5,000 later accepted as a friendly amendment. Revised MOTION - Donate \$10,000 to Wexton campaign, \$5,000 now and \$5,000 later. PASSED. Action Item - Chair needs to inform Chairs of county committees who have Federal accounts (Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William) that they can only make independent expenditures, not money directly to the Wexton campaign, unless they coordinate with us before we raise and send the second \$5,000. Action Item - Chair to look up past "wish lists" for fundraising as a start for current effort. Start by looking up past expenditures.**
4. Training for county/city chairs - led by Local Committee Operations - **Action Item - Shelley Tamres to email the local Committee Chairs to inquire what they would still like to receive as training. Tim Buchholz will assist the Local Committee Operations sub-committee with this effort. Action Item - Coordinate with 11th CD Committee since parts of Fairfax and PW County are in 11th.**
5. Training for potential 2019-2020 candidates - led by Campaign Support/Bench - **Per Koran Saines, a Pat Jennings Project full day candidate training session has been organized by DPVA to be held July 14 at GMU; topics to be covered include Communications, Field, Fundraising, Digital Organizing, and VAN. Virginia Leadership Institute also does candidate trainings. Per Joanne Spano, two candidates successfully ran for Berryville Town Council May 1. They have potential to run in higher level races. Action Item - Shelley Tamres to ensure local Chairs and their candidate recruitment folks know about the upcoming DPVA training, and that they in turn ensure their potential candidates for next year sign up (emails with follow-up calls).**

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6. 10 CDDC Fundraiser event - awarding of the Mark Herring Volunteer Award - Last year done at 612 Winery owned by Clarke County Chair. Rename to Mary Ann Hovis Award, or Herring - Hovis Award? Linda Sperling, Kimberly Adams, Kannan Srinivasan, Heidi Zollo, Karen Campblin, and Joanne Spano are willing to help Jay Frost plan this. Invite Herring and Wexton. Possibly aim for August. Kimberly suggested two separate awards, with the Hovis Award going to a young person. **Action Item** - Conference bridge meeting this Wed at 7 pm. **Action Item** - Shelley Tamres to resend 10CDDC google sheet link so Jay will have the email addresses.
7. Kaine/Wexton yard signs - Put this on the wish list. Jerry Foltz volunteers to pick up and distribute signs. **MOTION** - Koran Saines, 2nd - Email a fundraiser announcing our candidate and soliciting funds for (specific activity TBD); authorize spending up to \$250 for a blast email platform such as Mail Chimp - **PASSED. (2 Action Items)**

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8. Campaign Support/Bench - **Action Item** - Monte Johnson will look into providing training to folks in the western portion of the district who can't make it to the DPVA training.
9. Communications - Linda Sperling will follow up on setting up an email blast platform for 10 CDDC.
10. Fundraising/Finance - **Action Item** - A fundraising plan is needed. Jay Frost has a list of questions to be answered in order to put together a plan. How much to raise? How to use it? How to explain it succinctly? How to be supportive rather than competing with the campaign? Markets - who might want to give to us rather than the campaign: folks who have maxed out; supporters of the losing candidates; people who want recognition.
11. Local Committee Operations - Winchester is having a Father's Day picnic tomorrow with Jennifer Wexton.
12. Outreach - Heidi has been attending local committee Outreach Committee meetings. Per Kannan, DAV will be concentrating on the 10th and 7th CD races since they both have significant Asian populations. They will adopt several precincts. Suggestion - Go through candidate petitions looking for minority names/addresses; possibly send a postcard mailing to them? Or send to all who signed? **Action Item?**

**Announcements related to the immigration crisis with children being separated from their parents: An important Washington Post article appeared today; there is a protest tomorrow in D.C.**

13. Next 10CDDC Meeting - July - Zach Pruckowski to search for space and then announce the date.
14. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned approximately 4:05 PM.