

**10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Meeting Minutes**  
**Gum Spring Library, Room B, 24600 Millstream Dr, Stone Ridge, VA 20105**  
**10:30 AM on July 13, 2019**

**In-Person Attendees:** Tim Buchholz, Karen Campblin, Lee Carter, Kristine Condie, Jerry Foltz, Ellen Heald, Monte Johnson, Kevin Kennedy, Clara Meagher, Zach Pruckowski, Koran Saines, Lissa Savaglio, Joanne Spano, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

**Attendees by Phone:** Kimberly Adams, Linda McCray.

**Excused Absences:** Jay Frost, Mansimran Kahlon, Matt Leslie, EJ Scott.

**Unexcused Absences:** Bo Cherif.

**Guests:** None.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair – at **10:33 AM**.
  - a. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION, 2<sup>nd</sup> – PASSED.**
  - b. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2019, Meeting - **MOTION, 2<sup>nd</sup> – PASSED.**
2. Treasurer's Report –

**Federal Account Balance = \$7,340.42**

**State Account Balance = \$375.08**

**Less outstanding check to Juneteenth event - \$250.00**

**Remaining balance after check clears - \$125.08**

3. Committee changes – Karen Camplin has joined Local Committee Operations in addition to Chairing Campaign Support/Bench. Jerry Foltz is moving from Campaign Support/Bench to Local Committee Operations. Leopoldo Martinez is joining Campaign Support/Bench. Kannan Srinivasan is leaving Communications and joining both Fundraising/Finance and Outreach. **Kristine Condie joining Fundraising/Finance. Ellen Heald is joining Fundraising/Finance and Local Committee Operations.** Koran Saines is joining Campaign Support/Bench and Local Committee Operations. Kimberly Adams is leaving Campaign Support/Bench and joining Fundraising/Finance and Local Committee Operations. Lee Carter is joining Campaign Support/Bench. Tim Buchholz is leaving Communications and joining Campaign Support/Bench. See Sub-Committee Reports section below for revised lists of members. Also, the 10CDDC google sheet contacts list has been updated.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

4. Status of training for county/city chairs - led by Local Committee Operations – **No update.**
5. Status of 2019 fundraising plan
  - a. Annual Herring and Hovis Awards Event. Linda McCray is working on obtaining a venue. **Narrowed down to two possibilities: Sunset Hills Vineyard and Quattro Goombas Brewery. Having trouble nailing down the owners due to vacations. It might be possible to return to 612 Vineyard if we're expecting a smaller crowd than last year. Hope to have info mid-week, will schedule a conference call at the end of the week. Need to sort out who to give the awards to. Since we've been giving the awards to folks who have served in the past on the 10CDDC, we should try to avoid that this year. Lissa inquired about the award criteria. Discussion included the possibilities of opening this up to organizations as well as individuals, recognition of achievements outside of democratic efforts, changing the wording so that it isn't so limiting to facilitate a larger list of nominees. It was pointed out that opening up to organizations could mean going outside of Dems or outside of 10CD inadvertently. Per last year's announcement, the Mark Herring Award is presented to someone for lifetime service to Democratic causes. The Mary Ann Hovis Award is presented to an outstanding Young Democrat in the 10<sup>th</sup> CD. Set up a google form to send out to the 10CDDC, the local Committee Chairs, and the electeds.**
  - b. Smaller fall event. **Will plan this after the big event is locked in.**

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6. Ways to support local committees and campaigns in 2019
  - a. "Candidate Trade Shows" – at least 2 events, east and west, to introduce local candidates to voters, hosted by the 10th CD. Karen, Mansimran, and Heidi to organize. Collaborate with Grass Roots Organizations. **Aiming for the last week of September or first week of October on a weekend. Heidi to talk to Joanne about possible western locations. One will be held in the Winchester/Frederick/Clarke area. The other will be held in the Prince William/Manassas/Manassas Park area.**
  - b. Recommendations for 2019 spending by team formed to evaluate this. (Team = Kimberly Adams, Tim Buchholz, Karen Campblin, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Heidi Zollo) **Kimberly will set up an initial call soon.**
  - c. Determine which candidates are running unopposed in order to leverage volunteers from those districts to help elsewhere. **David Reid is doing a lot of this work already since he's unopposed. Help is really needed for the western Loudoun candidates: Wendy Gooditis, Ronnie Ross, and Mavis Taintor.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

7. 2020 Convention process **Anyone who polls at 15% or above can win delegates to the VA State Convention. National polls are currently at our worst case scenario: 5 candidates polling at 15% or more. This would create difficulty in planning the 10CD Convention...we need space for 200 delegates, plus could conceivably need separate spaces for 5 caucuses to meet. We need to oversee the local caucuses and help them with planning. At least Fairfax will do theirs by magisterial district. Form a sub-committee to start planning: Shelley to lead, Heidi, Kristine, Tim, Koran, Lissa, Joanne. Zach to send docs from last time around.**
8. Climate debate resolution – See page 2 below. **PASSED unanimously.**
9. 2020 Women's Summit – **Lissa and Karen will volunteer to work with Stair Calhoun on planning the 2020 event and ensuring 10CDDC is included in a big way.**

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10. Campaign Support/Bench (Karen – Chair; Tim, Lee, Monte, Leopoldo, Koran) – **Karen needs to schedule a call.**
11. Communications (Bo and Linda S. – Co-Chairs; Jay, Marie) **Help needed with the website. Shelley will see if the LCDC webmaster is available to help.**
12. Fundraising/Finance (Jay – Chair; Kimberly, Kristine, Ellen, Matt, Clara, Kannan, Heidi) – **Zach or Jay will schedule a call.**
13. Local Committee Operations (Shelley and Lissa - Co-Chairs; Kimberly, Karen, Jerry, **Ellen**, Kevin, Koran, Joanne) – **Lissa will convene a call to start planning for January training. Shelley to send out Jay's survey to the local committee chairs to see if there is interest in a fundraising training in the near future.**
14. Outreach (Heidi – Chair; **Kristine, Ellen**, Linda M., Koran, EJ, Kannan) – **Will be working on candidate fora.**
15. Announcements

**Lee spoke at an immigration rally.**

**Per Lee, our congressional delegation split in a vote yesterday to stop the illegal use of troops at the border. All 3 of our freshmen reps voted with the Republicans against this bill. Kristine will inquire why Rep. Wexton voted against so we will know the rationale. Our freshmen reps are in the Problem Solvers Caucus. Lee and Kristine encourage all of us to make inquiries so that Rep. Wexton is aware of our concerns about this vote, and share what we find out with the 10CDDC members.**

**Marie brought up the failed special GA session to address gun violence. Candidates used this to fundraise, but we could send out a plea for volunteers based on this disappointment. Need more people on Communications to support this. Linda could send out an email via our MailChimp list, but lacks the bandwidth to handle follow-up inquiries that are returned to us.**

**Tuesday, July 16, 6:25 pm - Herndon-Reston Indivisible – Kremlin Annex First Year Anniversary protest rally at The White House. Meet at the Wiehle/Reston Metro station at 6:25 pm at the fare card location.**

**Wednesday, July 17, 7-9:00 pm – Green New Deal 101 at Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Church, 9350 Main St, Manassas. Learn about the Green New Deal Virginia and how it can achieve a cleaner**

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environment, support farms and create good, green jobs - in clean energy, sustainable agriculture, building, restoring water and air quality, research and more. Also hear about the Sierra Club's campaign for Solar Freedom to remove the barriers that hold back solar energy on rooftops and a thriving industry. The Keynote speaker is Anthony Flaccavento, organic farmer and small business owner near Abingdon, VA. Kelsey Crane, Sierra Club Virginia Chapter, will give a brief presentation on solar issues in VA.

**Sunday, July 21, 2-4:00 pm - LCDC Issues Committee is presenting a speaker series starting with Understanding the Impeachment Process at Trungo's, 2C Loudoun St SW, Leesburg. Open to the public. Guest speaker is Benedict Lenhart who has taught Intro to Constitutional Law at Georgetown Law since 1991.**

16. Next 10CDDC Meeting - **Sept 7 or 14 - another doodle poll has been issued to determine the date.**
17. Adjourn – **12:05 PM to Ciro Ristorante, 42015 Village Center Plaza, Aldie.**

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**10CDDC Resolution in Favor of Holding a Climate Debate**

WHEREAS the climate crisis is real, is supported by scientific evidence, and is a threat to our planet and to our existence; and

WHEREAS our elected officials and other leaders have ignored the warnings of scientists for decades regarding the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS many communities are already suffering the effects of the climate crisis, including flooding, forest fires, droughts, more intense storms causing more extensive damage, sea level rise, and shifting of plant and animal ranges; and

WHEREAS we need to make drastic reductions in greenhouse gasses by 2030, and the longer we wait, the harder the solutions become to implement, and yet emissions are still going up; and

WHEREAS we are still building new fossil fuel infrastructure and giving special tax treatment to fossil fuel companies, despite the fact that renewables pricing is now competitive with fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS the 2016 presidential election debates essentially ignored climate, and the first Democratic debates for 2020 seem to be following in this vein, having spent just 13 minutes over the two nights/4 hours, and only 10 of the 20 candidates were able to respond; and

WHEREAS the adverse effects of the climate crisis have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable members of society; and

WHEREAS the climate crisis affects just about every aspect of our economy, including energy usage, transportation, building construction, food production, availability of potable water, and therefore cannot be equated with a single issue; the impact of the climate crisis is too broad and the issue is too complicated to be properly addressed in a couple of debate questions; and

WHEREAS at least twenty Democratic presidential candidates and a strong majority of Democratic voters support having a debate on climate change; and

WHEREAS the candidates have proposed a broad range of solutions to the climate crisis, and a discussion is needed to highlight the differences in each candidate's approach; and

WHEREAS American voters deserve to hear from the candidates who are asking for their votes to lead our country as to how they would address this overarching crisis; therefore

RESOLVED on the 13th day of July, 2019, the 10th Congressional District Democratic Committee of Virginia joins the Sunrise Movement and other activists in calling on the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to host a presidential primary debate that is wholly about the climate crisis in all its aspects, and urges in the strongest possible terms that all DNC members, and in particular the Virginia delegation to the DNC, and all DNC Resolutions Committee members, to vote for and support a presidential primary climate debate.