

10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - ReOrg Meeting Minutes
Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd, Chantilly
10:30 am on May 20, 2017

Attendees - in person - Kim Adams, Bo Cherif, Kristine Condie, Tom Counts, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Mary Ann Hovis, Monte Johnson, Kevin Kennedy, Matt Leslie, Linda McCray, Zach Pruckowski, Joanne Spano, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

Attendees - conference call - Tim Buchholz, Clara Meagher.

Attendees - voted in during meeting - Koran Saines, EJ Scott.

Guests - George Becerra, Paul Davis, Raub Dakwale, Pam Kennedy, Edward Rice, Ray Rieling, Val Suzdak.

The first part of the meeting was run by former Chair, Patsy Brown. Meeting called to order at 10:35 am. Zach began taking notes since there is no Secretary.

1. 2018 10 CD race. 17 people have contacted Patsy to date about running for the Democratic nomination. 3 pulled out before meeting with Patsy and Frank Blechman. 2 more pulled out after meeting with Patsy and Frank. 4 have filed with the FEC to date:
 - a. Dave Hanson
 - b. Dan Helmer
 - c. Lindsey Stover
 - d. Jennifer WextonKimberly Adams has announced her intent to file.
2. Patsy's parting words of wisdom:
 - a. Know the Rules
 - b. Show Up
 - c. Listen & Learn - Be flexible and figure out what works best in each district
 - d. Elect a Congressperson
 - e. Build the Bench
 - f. Build up the Democratic vote in rural areas
 - g. Fellowship & Fun
3. Election of New Chair. Zach Prukowski nominated by Matt Leslie, 2nd by Tom Counts. PASSED by acclamation.

Running of meeting now taken over by Zach. Notes taken by Mary Ann Hovis until election of a Secretary.

4. Zach thanked Patsy for her long and important service.
5. Election of General Assembly member. Delegate Kathleen Murphy was nominated by Matt Leslie, 2nd by Tom Counts. PASSED by acclamation.
6. MOTION - Jay Frost, 2nd - Matt Leslie - Allow those attending by phone to vote during this reorg meeting. PASSED with 4 abstentions (Ellen Heald, Kevin Kennedy, Linda McCray, Marie Straub). The issue of telephone attendance, with or without the right to vote, needs to be addressed by the next meeting. Per Zach, 10 days notice is needed prior to any bylaws change proposals. Members are asked to send recommendations to Zach.
7. Election of the 3 county/city members. Based on the now current makeup of the committee, it was agreed by voice vote that the 3 remaining positions would be filled by 2 men and one women, in accordance with the party plan for gender balance. Those who have been nominated in accordance with the by laws are: Men - Hector Cendejas and Koran Saines; Women - Karen Campblin, Liz Carter, EJ Scott, and Valerie Suzdak. Barbara Lee was also submitted, but ruled to not meet the requirements for nomination. MOTION - Mary Ann Hovis, 2nd - Linda McCray - Elect the two men, Hector and Koran, by voice vote - PASSED by acclamation. The two women in attendance, Liz and EJ, spoke to the committee. Mary Ann spoke on behalf of Karen and Linda spoke on behalf of Liz. Voting was done by ballot and was tabulated as follows (Koran did not vote on this matter):

EJ - 10 votes
Val - 4 votes
Liz - 3 votes
Karen - 1 vote

Koran and EJ were now seated as committee members.

8. Election of Vice Chair. Mary Ann Hovis was nominated by Matt Leslie, 2nd by Tom Counts. PASSED by acclamation, with Mary Ann abstaining.
9. Election of Treasurer. Matt Leslie was nominated by Koran Saines, 2nd by Jerry Foltz. PASSED by acclamation, with Matt abstaining.

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10. Election of Secretary. Shelley Tamres was nominated by Koran Saines, 2nd by Mary Ann Hovis. PASSED by acclamation, with Shelley abstaining.

Shelley took over recording minutes from Mary Ann.

11. MOTION - Jerry Foltz, 2nd - Koran Saines - Adopt Zach's list of items needing to be addressed as the agenda; amended to add Campaign Updates at the beginning, with a limit of 3 minutes per campaign; PASSED.
12. Campaign Updates. Ray Rieling for Jennifer Wexton for Congress - Ratings have been moving towards the left since she entered the race.
13. Fundraiser. The 10th CDDC annual fundraiser is scheduled for June 10. Mary Ann will resend the flyer. Everyone is asked to distribute to their county committees, etc. If everyone brings 10 people and also finds a Sponsor (\$250), we will make money. Our goal is \$5,000. If you know of a musician who will perform for free, let Mary Ann and Ellen know. We need to create signage to indicate where to drop off and pick up handicapped attendees at the top of the hill, and then park in the lot at the bottom. Ellen will contact us all shortly to organize food to bring.
14. Committees. Email Zach by this Tuesday, May 23, which 10th CDDC committee you are interested in joining and whether you would like to chair the committee, and also which DPVA committees/caucuses you would like to represent 10th CDDC on.
15. DPVA - The DPVA State Central Committee meeting is Saturday, June 17, in Richmond. The DPVA JJ Dinner is that night. Tickets are \$150. Let Zach know if you want to be seated at a 10th CD table, plus enter a note about it in your online ticket order.
16. Candidate Forum - Interest has been expressed in hosting/organizing a candidate forum. There was some discussion about an event to protest Comstock's avoidance of holding a Town Hall; discussed using our filed candidates vs. getting a nearby sitting Dem congressional representative (Beyer or Connolly). Decided to concentrate on 2017 races instead, and work towards organizing a 10th CD candidate forum for our 2017 candidates sometime after the Primary.
17. Announcements - There's a candidate fundraising brunch next week in Fairfax. Linda McCray asked everyone to think outside the box; bring up new ideas at our meetings or send them via email; we can't just do what we've always done and expect to do better.
18. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.