

10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Meeting Minutes
Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Pl, Sterling
10:30 am on September 9, 2017

ATTENDEES - In Person - Kimberly Adams, Tim Buchholz, Kristine Condie, Tom Counts, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Monte Johnson, Kevin Kennedy, Linda McCray, Clara Meagher, Zach Pruckowski, Koran Saines, Joanne Spano, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

ATTENDEES - Via Phone - Kathleen Murphy, EJ Scott.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - Hector Cendejas, Ellen Heald, Matt Leslie.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES - Bo Cherif.

GUESTS - Lauren Bailey, Amy Bauer, Steve Duggan, Kamran Fareedi, Cathy Gruber, David Hanson II, David Hanson Sr., Dan Helmer, Pam Kennedy, Sue Reilly, Raymond Rieling, Sarah Rivin, Lindsey Davis Stover, Jennifer Wexton.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair - **10:35 am.**
 - a. Approval of Agenda - **MOTION - Kevin Kennedy, 2nd - Jay Frost, PASSED.**
 - b. Approval of Minutes - May 20, 2017, Re-Org (attachment) - **MOTION - Kimberly Adams, 2nd - Linda McCray - PASSED.**
 - c. Approval of Minutes - June 17, 2017, Hallway Meeting at State Central Committee Meeting (attachment) - **Tabled till next meeting since we still don't have a list of attendees from DPVA.**
 - d. Approval of Minutes - July 31, 2017, Telecon (attachment) - **MOTION - Kristine Condie, 2nd - Clara Meagher - PASSED, 1 Abstension.**
2. Treasurer's Report

Current Balances as of 9/8/2017

Federal Account: 8524.50

State Account: 1554.58

Funds Raised/Expended since May 2017

Federal Raised: +6280.03

Federal Spent: 0.00

State Raised: 0.00 (this is by design)

State Spent Actual (aka has been withdrawn): 978.33

State Spent (checks written): 2008.33

State expenditures were:

100 per state delegate candidate with one precinct in 10th CD

Reimbursement of individuals and orgs for reorg in May including invoice from Broad Run HS

This concludes my treasurers report.

Electronically signed by:

Matthew Allen Leslie on 9/8/2017

OLD BUSINESS

3. 2018 10 CD race - Filed with FEC as of 9/5/2017.
 - a. **Hear from the candidates (4 minutes for candidates, 2 minutes for campaign representatives)**
 - i. Kimberly Adams - **Here in person.**
 - ii. Alison Friedman
 - iii. Dave Hanson - **Here in person.**
 - iv. Dan Helmer - **Here in person.**

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- v. Julien Modica
- vi. Michael Pomerleano
- vii. Deep Sran
- viii. Lindsey Davis Stover - **Here in person.**
- ix. Jennifer Wexton - **Here in person.**

b. Method of Selection of 2018 Nominee - See Attachment for descriptions of the four possibilities.

Discussion:

- i. Koran - Leaning firehouse primary - Should save the winning candidate money that they could spend on the general election and result in a nominee sooner. Suggests members talk to their local committees to hear what they say about the various choices.
 - ii. Jay - Leaning primary - Favors the method that will bring out the most independent voters.
 - iii. Tim - Leaning primary - The most democratic method is the state run primary. Money spent on a primary still gets the candidates' names out there, so it's not wasted.
 - iv. Kathleen - Leaning party run process, anything but primary - She only lost by 0.6% of vote when she ran against Comstock. She thinks waiting till June is too late since Comstock will be very organized and better funded than us.
 - v. Shelley - Either unassembled caucus or primary - The issue with a state run primary is the potential of Republicans trying to game the system by voting in the Democratic Primary to select the weakest candidate in their view. However, Zach is fairly certain that the Republicans have decided to hold a Senate primary, so this shouldn't be an issue in 2018.
 - vi. Jerry - Primary - Feels the state run primary builds the party the most.
 - vii. Kristine - Primary - Thinks a Primary will increase turnout and also will allow for absentee voting.
 - viii. Heidi - Primary - Voters may feel left out if we do a convention. A Primary will be best for public perception.
 - ix. Kevin - Wants the earliest possible process. Can we choose a nominee earlier than May if we go with a party run process? Per Zach, no, since the state limits the number of days prior to the Primary that we can nominate anyone (per the Department of Elections, it's a 47 day window, beginning on 04/26/2018 - sft).
 - x. Koran - Expanded on the logistics of organizing separate caucuses in each jurisdiction and advertising the process in every local newspaper.
 - xi. EJ - Convention - Wants a convention as early as possible.
 - xii. Monte - Lean party run process - Pointed out how extremely expensive it will be for the candidates to compete in a primary and how late it will be held.
 - xiii. Joanne - Lean unassembled caucus? - Primary is late; no assembled caucus or convention - she is concerned that if we use a process where everyone needs to travel far to attend, the outer regions won't be well represented.
 - xiv. Linda - Lean unassembled caucus - Would attract a lot of people, they wouldn't have as far to travel.
 - xv. Clara - Convention - We would need to ensure that the local caucuses are extremely well run so the process is respected.
 - xvi. Kannan - Can a caucus be held on two days? Zach doesn't know the answer; Koran pointed out that the ballots would need to be secured overnight.
 - xvii. Heidi - The decision factors seem to be: Increased number of participants with a primary vs. more time for general campaign and less costly to candidates with party run process. Tim - One more factor - visibility. Zach pointed out that at least two of the campaigns are planning to do TV ads to push voters to the primary process, whatever it is, so an unassembled caucus could end up as well attended as a primary.
 - xviii. Jay - Points to consider: # of crossover Republicans; # of voters; what does each vote cost?; timing can go both ways...you can be ready too early and then blow it, like at an Olympic event.
4. Candidate Forum - Do we still want to organize a 10th CD candidate forum for our 2017 candidates? **Too late for this now. Help with 2017 campaigns as you can...canvassing, phone banking, etc. Start thinking about events we want to hold in 2018. The Candidates and Communications Committees should help with 2017 GOTV in any way they can. We have an email list of 1500 to which we can send a GOTV message about the HOD candidates.**
5. DPVA Positions

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- a. Outreach - Vote to be held - Candidates:
 - i. Koran Saines - **Withdrawn his name from consideration.**
 - ii. EJ Scott - **Withdrawn her name from consideration (she wants to be on the 10CDDC Outreach, not DPVA).**
 - iii. Heidi Zollo - **Loves VR and being a PC, one on one, started an Indivisible group with 1,000 people on their list. We just need to get more people to the table. She's become more passionate about being a Dem. MOTION - Zach Pruckowski, 2nd - Linda McCray - Elected by acclamation.**
- b. Rules/Resolutions - It has been settled that this will be Tom Counts.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Memorial Resolution for Mary Ann Hovis - **Provide any edits to Zach by Tuesday, then we will vote by email. There has been a suggestion to rename the Mark Herring Award to the Mary Ann Hovis Award. It was asked if we want to add a second award. Zach will check with the Herring organization since normally awards are named for folks who are retired or deceased, and although Mark Herring is touched by this, he may prefer it to be renamed.**
7. Process for filling the open 4th Fairfax female seat on the 10CDDC - **We need to notify all the local chairs, but we will stress that we strongly prefer a Fairfax applicant.**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - The sub-committee assignments are listed on the 10CDDC contact sheet, column G, in google sheets - link follows. Please bookmark the link. Please sort out asap who is chairing each sub-committee - Local Committee Operations was able to do so by email. Or you can schedule a conference call. Let Zach and Shelley know who the Chair will be by Thursday, September 21.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gi5miw0aQaFzDbsPHSNX4EYq4CY357ZHNL8PJXfr8GQ/edit#gid=1502702414>

8. Campaign Support/Bench
9. Communications
10. Fundraising/Finance
11. Local Committee Operations - **Joanne Spano is Chair.**
12. Outreach
13. Next Meetings
 - a. **10CDDC - Nov 18 in Loudoun, location TBD.**
 - b. **DPVA in two weeks - Saturday, Sep 23, 9:30 am, at Walker Grant Middle School, 1 Learning Lane, Fredericksburg.**
14. **Adjourn MOTION, 2nd, PASSED 12:38 pm.**