

10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Meeting Minutes
Cascades Library, Room B, 21030 Whitfield Pl, Sterling
10:30 am on November 18, 2017

Attendees - In Person - Kimberly Adams, Tim Buchholz, Hector Cendejas (last portion of meeting), Bo Cherif, Kristine Condie, Tom Counts, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Monte Johnson, Matt Leslie, Linda McCray, Clara Meagher, Zach Pruckowski, Koran Saines, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

Attendees - Telephone - Hector Cendejas (first portion of meeting), Kevin Kennedy, Kathleen Murphy, EJ Scott, Joanne Spano.

Guests - Jennifer Adell, Brandon Amory, Marc Bailey, Lauren Bailey, Lorne Bair, Sonia Ballinger, George Becerra, Terry Matlaga Bell, Julia Biggins, Karen Campblin, Hannah Canela, Chris Carter, Zohaib Cheema, Ruth Crocker, Steve Duggan, Chet Edwards, Lea Ann Edwards, Rasheda Elsamani, Adam Fadul, Kannan Fareedi, Alison Friedman, Sean Gagen, Linda Gaines, Matthew Gallelli, Cathy Gruber, Lisa Gunderman, Dave Hanson, David Hanson, Jr., Daniel Helmer, Kenneth Helmer, Loren Hershey, Mansimran Kahlon, Karie Knipmeyer, Joshua Lapidus, Matt Leslie, Ellie Mackintosh, Terry Matlaga Bell, Charlotte McConnell, Joan Newman, Mick Newman, Kevin Olivear, Robert Pearson, Jeanne-Marie Pelletier, Paul Pelletier, Guy Potucek, David Pratt, Lydia Rice, Raymond Rieling, Alice Robie, Sue Rosenberg, Bosis Shkuta, Anjili Soni, Courtney Soria, Shailee Sran, Ella Sran, Deep Sran, Jeremy Stover, Lindsey Davis Stover, Zeb Taintor, Mavis Taintor, Phil Troutman, Cleo Usmani, Cam Wakabayashi, Tia Walbridge, Kenneth Wheeler.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair - **Meeting called to order 10:32 am. Chair thanked everyone for working so hard to achieve our great wins last week in the General Election.**
 - a. **Approval of Agenda - Objection raised by Jerry Foltz to allowing members to vote by phone. Zach Pruckowski checked with DPVA prior to the meeting, and they said it was okay. Per Tom Counts, the Bylaws should be amended to make this clear one way or the other. It was agreed to pursue this in the future and continue with the meeting for now. MOTION - Jerry Foltz, 2nd - Ellen Heald, PASSED.**
 - b. **Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2017, Hallway Meeting at State Central Committee Meeting (Attachment) - MOTION - Tom Counts, 2nd, PASSED, Abstained - Linda McCray, Jerry Foltz.**
 - c. **Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2017, Meeting (Attachment) - MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**
2. **Treasurer's Report - Detailed report to be emailed out to the committee. Current balances: State - \$1,404.08; Federal - TBD.**

A Memorial Service for Mary Ann Hovis is being held 2:00 pm this afternoon in Reston.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Fill the open female seat (4th Fairfax) on the 10 CDDC - Winner needs a majority of the votes cast. Ranked Choice Voting, aka Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), will be used. NOTE: Any committee member who has an excused absence and is attending via telephone may send a ballot by email. 4 minute speeches allowed.**
 - a. **Terry Matlaga Bell (Fairfax) - Springfield Dems Chair**
 - b. **Karen Campblin (Fairfax) - Sully District Dems**
 - c. **Cathy Gruber (Fairfax) - Sully District Events Vice Chair**
 - d. **Elizabeth Pike (Fairfax) - not present**
 - e. **Linda Sperling (Fairfax) - Springfield District Dems**
 - f. **Stephanie Vaughan (Winchester/Frederick) - not present**

Tellers - Ellen Heald, Linda McCray.

After the initial ballot count, there was a tie between Cathy Gruber and Linda Sperling. A second ballot was filled out between just the two tied contenders.

Elected Member - Linda Sperling.

4. **2018 10 CD race**
 - a. **Candidates filed with FEC as of 11/13/2017 (Note - Kimberly Adams has filed, but withdrew 11/13/2017; Michael Pomerleano also withdrew since our last meeting):**
 - i. **Dr. Julia Elizabeth Biggins**
 - ii. **Alison Friedman**
 - iii. **David Bruce Hanson**
 - iv. **Daniel Helmer**

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- v. Julien Modica
 - vi. Paul Pelletier
 - vii. Deep Sran
 - viii. Lindsey Davis Stover
 - ix. Jennifer Wexton
- b. Hear from the candidates in reverse alphabetical order (4 minutes for candidates, 2 minutes for campaign representatives)
- i. **Lindsey Davis Stover**
 - ii. **Deep Sran**
 - iii. **Paul Pelletier**
 - iv. **Daniel Helmer**
 - v. **David Bruce Hanson**
 - vi. **Alison Friedman**
 - vii. **Dr. Julia Elizabeth Biggins**
 - viii. **Ray Rieling for Sen. Jennifer Wexton**
- c. Method of Selection of 2018 Nominee - See Attachment for descriptions of the four possibilities. **Straw vote called for - Matt Leslie abstained, all others voted for a State-Run Primary.**

Discussion: Matt Leslie - He is certain that we are capable of running a fair party run process, but he will vote for the State-Run Primary since there is such strong support for it. Koran Saines pointed out that we have a set of rules, we've followed the rules, we've been transparent about it, and it would be good if our large audience of guests would portray things as they are. Linda McCray - Thanked all the candidates for running. Kannan Srinivasan mentioned the high turnout in last week's election. Guest George Becerra - 11CD - This committee is one of the most diverse in VA and has been transparent. Guest David Pratt - Swing Left - Says we're mis-characterizing what has been said on their social media.

MOTION to hold a State Run Primary as the nominating process for the 2018 10th CD Congressional Nomination - Koran Saines, 2nd, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 5. Elect a Vice Chair - Nominations - Linda nominated Kim Adams. No other nominees. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 6. Memorial Resolution for Mary Ann Hovis - Attachment - **MOTION to pass amended resolution, 2nd, PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - Interested guests who want to help the 10th CDDC can join a sub-committee of their choice.

- 7. Campaign Support/Bench - **Monte is Chair.**
- 8. Communications - **Tim called for quick caucus after the committee meeting adjourns to select a Chair.**
- 9. Fundraising/Finance - **Jay is Chair.**
- 10. Local Committee Operations - **Joanne - Next project is the Reorg of the Local Committees. Anyone needing help should contact Joanne or Zach. We're in charge of overseeing the Reorgs, and we need to send observers to each one.**
- 11. Outreach - **EJ - Gave out 150,000 cards outlining what id's could be used to vote. Took 200 to polls across the state.**
- 12. Next Meeting - **Dec 2 is DPVA, no 10th meeting will be held in Richmond. Sub-committees should meet in December. A January meeting date is TBD.**

EJ - Invited all to Dec 2 breakfast. Dec 4 Commission to honor accomplishments of VA women - ground breaking for first monument to women on a state capitol site. Breakfast before the ground-breaking ceremony.

- 13. Adjourn - **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED 12:11 pm.**