

10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Meeting Minutes
War Memorial Building, Arts and Crafts Room, 1001 E Cork St, Winchester, VA
9:30 am on February 17, 2018

ATTENDEES - In-person: Kimberly Adams, Tim Buchholz, Karen Campblin (following vote on new member), Hector Cendejas, Bokar Cherif, Kristine Condie, Tom Counts, Jerry Foltz, Ellen Heald, Monte Johnson, Kevin Kennedy, Matt Leslie, Clara Meagher, Zach Pruckowski, EJ Scott, Joanne Spano, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

ATTENDEES - Via phone: Linda McCray, Koran Saines.

GUESTS: Shadi Ayyas - MD, Julia Biggins, Frank Blechman, Karen Campblin (prior to vote on new member), Pilar Couna, Clyde Crosswell, Erik Darcey, Dan Helmer, Pam Kennedy, Doris McMahon, John Meagher, Madeline Murphy, Paul Pelletier, John Walsh.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair
 - a. Approval of Agenda - **MOTION - Jerry Foltz, 2nd - Ellen Heald, PASSED.**
 - b. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2017, Meeting (Attachment) - **MOTION - Kristine Condie, 2nd - Clara Meagher, PASSED (Jerry Foltz abstained).**
2. Treasurer's Report - **Federal account \$8,802.17, one deposit to be made for \$4.80, for a total of \$8,806.97. State account \$474.08.**

OLD BUSINESS

3. 2018 10 CD race
 - a. Candidates will not be speaking this meeting, with one exception, since there is a candidate forum immediately following our meeting.
 - b. Candidates filed with FEC as of 02/13/2018:
 - i. Dr. Shadi Ayyas (hasn't yet filed with FEC) - 3 minutes to introduce himself - not eligible for the candidate forum later in the day
 - ii. Dr. Julia Elizabeth Biggins
 - iii. Alison Friedman
 - iv. David Bruce Hanson (announced his withdrawal via FaceBook)
 - v. Daniel Helmer
 - vi. Julien Modica
 - vii. Paul Pelletier
 - viii. Deep Sran
 - ix. Lindsey Davis Stover
 - x. Jennifer Wexton

Zach Pruckowski introduced Erik Darcey, the DCCC Field Organizer for VA-10.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Bylaws amendment - Pass one of these two proposed amendments to settle the question about remote meeting attendance. Requires a 2/3 vote or a majority of the total voting roster.
 - a. PROPOSAL 2: Resolved, Article VI of the Bylaws of the 10th CD Democratic Committee shall be amended to add a paragraph 12, which shall read "For meetings held per VI.2, VI.3, or VI.4 above, only members physically present at the meeting may vote or cast ballots. This does not apply to special meetings held per VI.9 above". **MOTION - Jerry Foltz, 2nd - Tom Counts. Discussion: Jerry Foltz - Expressed concern that folks on phone could not properly participate in discussions; Matt Leslie - Pointed out that issues requiring votes are distributed ahead of the meeting, allowing preparation before the vote; Zach Pruckowski stated that devices exist that enhance the microphone and speaker capabilities of phones, and he is prepared to purchase one to facilitate participation by phone; Matt Leslie - Call the question - PASSED; Vote on Main Motion - FAILED.**
 - b. PROPOSAL 1: Resolved, Article VI of the Bylaws of the 10th CD Democratic Committee shall be amended to add a paragraph 12, which shall read "Any member who can not physically attend a scheduled meeting of the committee may petition the Chair to request to participate by telephone or other electronic means. Members participating in this way shall be accounted Present and be able to vote. The Chair shall approve ~~all~~ **not more than two** such requests **per year per member for the purpose of voting** ~~not deemed to be excessive or abusive.~~" **MOTION - Matt Leslie, 2nd - Koran Saines; Language amended and accepted as friendly amendment; Motion as Amended - PASSED.**

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5. Fill opening for At-Large Female created when EJ Scott was elected Chair of the DPVA Black Caucus. This position expires May of 2019. Winner needs a majority of the votes cast. Ranked Choice Voting, aka Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), will be used. 3 minute speeches allowed. **EJ announced her resignation from her County/City Rep position, but is now a member as a result of being the Black Caucus Chair. Objections were raised to using Ranked Choice Voting by Tim Buchholz, Ellen Heald, and Linda McCray. Per Tim Buchholz, using multiple ballots allows folks to reevaluate on subsequent ballots based on which candidates are eliminated. The committee voted to use multiple ballots instead of Ranked Choice Voting.**
 - a. Karen Campblin - Elected on 2nd ballot.
 - b. Anita Capps - **Withdrew via text at 9:39 am.**
 - c. Lauren Goldberg
 - d. Pam Kennedy
 - e. Rachael Mai
 - f. Madeline Murphy
 - g. G. Theresa Quitto-Dickerson
 - h. Guadalupe Vargas
6. Unofficial policy on committee member neutrality during the CD-10 Primary season. **Discussion: Linda Sperling - Committee members are de facto representatives of the Committee, and if they speak in favor of a particular candidate it can reflect on the Committee itself. Tim Buchholz - He has already made it clear who he supports, so this puts him in an awkward position. Matt Leslie - Everyone has a preference, that's normal. What got the DNC in trouble was people having a preference who hid the information. Regardless of who wins the nomination, all of us will rally behind the nominee since our real goal is to win this seat. Monte Johnson - We should work for the candidate we support since we are key volunteers. EJ Scott - Has a long standing tradition of not endorsing in a primary. Support whoever you want, but don't allow your name to be used as an endorsee. Linda McCray - Supporting particular candidates is polarizing. Tim Buchholz - There is a big difference between endorsement and support. Linda Sperling said she should have started the discussion about endorsement as opposed to general support.**
7. Sponsor or co-sponsor a candidate forum? **NAACP in Loudoun wants to co-sponsor a forum. Fairfax has had one already and has 2 or 3 more upcoming. Winchester's is today. Manassas has one scheduled. Loudoun will be having two straw polls in April, one in Sterling and one in Middleburg, plus whatever comes of the NAACP effort. We won't go out of our way to sponsor our own, but if some organization contacts us and asks us to co-sponsor, we'll take it up at that time.**
8. BlueWaveVA10 - **An effort is being launched to ID voters who are unidentified in VAN for party affiliation in connection with this year's Federal races. Any lit passed out has to be paid for with Federal funds, and most local committees don't have a Federal account. MOTION, Matt Leslie, 2nd - Kannan Srinivasan, The Chair can spend up to \$500 for canvassing supplies that are candidate-neutral for the BlueWaveVA10 canvassing effort. A digital copy of any lit created will be distributed to the 10CDDC members. PASSED.**

MOTION - Tim Buchholz, 2nd - Matt Leslie, Reimburse Chair for piece of equipment to enhance telephone microphones and speakers so that phone participants can hear and be heard more easily, PASSED.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Campaign Support/Bench - **A full slate of candidates have come forward to run for Winchester City Council.**
10. Communications - **We have a new website, but using a new url. Facebook has been updated to point to the new .us site. The .org site is down now (the domain expired), and we're working to get the domain transferred over to us, possibly in April.**
11. Fundraising/Finance - **We're in great shape for this cycle. We have over \$8,000 in our Federal account, and we are limited to \$5,000 for a contribution to the eventual nominee. Unless we want to hire a field organizer (\$3,000 won't go far), we don't need to worry about Federal money for now.**
12. Local Committee Operations - **We split up coverage of the Reorgs. We have all new Chairs of the local committees, and mostly all new Vice Chairs. Their committees have doubled in size, and we are having more competitive elections, so training and support is really needed.**
 - a. Training for county/city chairs - **Need someone from Fundraising, Communications, Outreach to participate in providing training. Need to determine if DPVA has anything to help with this effort. Be sure to cover the distinction between State and Federal funds when we hold the training.**
13. Outreach - **Concentrate on getting people to vote, especially minorities.**

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14. Quarter 1 DPVA Central Committee meeting - Saturday, March 3, 10:30 am, SunTrust Bldg, 4th floor auditorium, 919 E Main St. Richmond, VA
15. Next 10CDDC Meeting - **Discuss via email. Probably late March.**
16. Adjourn (10 CD Candidate Forum - 2:00-3:30 pm, James Wood MS, Auditorium, 1313 Amherst St, Winchester) - **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**