

10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Meeting Minutes
Central Library, 8601 Mathis Ave, Manassas, VA 20110
10:30 AM on February 9, 2019

In-Person Attendees: Karen Campblin, Hector Cendejas, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Monte Johnson, Kevin Kennedy, Linda McCray, Clara Meagher, Zach Pruckowski, EJ Scott, Joanne Spano, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Heidi Zollo.

Attendees by Phone: Kimberly Adams, Bo Cherif.

Excused Absences: Tim Buchholz, Kristine Condie, Matt Leslie, Kathleen Murphy, Koran Saines, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres.

Unexcused Absences: N/A

Guests: Pam Kennedy, Mansimran Kahlon, Mike Katchmeric.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair - **Zach opened by saying that it has been a real tough week in Virginia due to the recent political developments. Joanne asked where things stand currently. Zach then summarized developments of last week starting with Gov Northam, LG Fairfax and AG Herring. He also mentioned that he participated on a DPVA Steering Committee call earlier that day. Jerry asked about LG appointment, in case the current LG resigns. Zach explained that per the current interpretation of the law, the Governor gets to appoint the LG until a special election in November. Zach also said DPVA's sentiment is that Local Committees and Caucuses to conduct normal business and allow the Legislatures to focus on communication, as things develop. He then said the Agenda for Today was put together keeping in mind the need to keep the 10th CD activities moving forward.**
 - a. Approval of Agenda - **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**
 - b. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2018, Meeting - **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**
2. **Treasurer's Report - Federal account balance \$ 5,148.38 and State account balance \$ 375.08. Kannan asked if we would spend any funds for the upcoming 2019 State and Local Races. Zach responded saying that we could, if we wanted to and we could transfer amounts from Federal to State.**
3. **Committee changes - Any requests to serve on a different subcommittee? - Joanne wanted to switch committee from her current role in Local Committee. Zach asked for volunteers who may be interested in serving in the Local Committee.**

We were all informed that Marie Straub is not doing well. It was agreed to spend up to \$ 100 to send Flowers/Edibles to her. It was agreed to send a Card now and then send her an appropriate item once she is back home. Zach said he will come back to the committee if he needed more than \$ 100.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **Fill the PW County vacancy on our Committee -**
 - a. Mansimran Kahlon
 - b. Mike Katchmeric

Zack introduced Mansimran Kahlon and Mike Katchmeric. Mansimran spoke first introducing himself about his background in Virginia Politics starting from his high school days and why he would like to serve on the 10th CD Committee. Mike then introduced himself, talked about his background and his activism via Letters to the Editor and reasons why he would like to serve on the 10th CD Committee. Voting was then conducted and Mansimran was elected to the 10th CD Committee for the PW Vacant Seat. Mansimran then joined the other committee members at the table.
5. **Need a new representative from our committee on the DPVA Rules Committee - Ellen Heald volunteered to serve.**
6. **HD 86 Special Election Feb 19**
 - a. **Should our committee make a donation to the campaign? - Zach mentioned the recent controversy about the candidate appearing on Social Media. MOTION - Jerry Foltz, 2nd - Heidi Zollo, Make a \$ 500 donation to the campaign from the 10CDDC. There was a discussion - Jay talked about why we should**

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donate \$ 500 and look for other ways to help the candidate. Zach then read the candidate's recent statement. LCDC's recent motion censuring the candidate's social media posts was also discussed. Kim, who joined by phone, said VEA is excited about the candidate. Mansimran and Monte then joined the discussion and several members spoke. MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

7. Training for county/city chairs - led by Local Committee Operations - **This was put on hold as we are looking for a new volunteer to serve on the Local Committee. Zach mentioned the upcoming Pat Jennings training project at Va Tech.**
8. Status of 2019 fundraising plan - **Jay talked about our Mission and Goals for fundraising, the related fundraising plan and associated tactics. Linda talked about an Annual Marquee event. Zach talked about our Annual Herring and Hovis Award in June/July as our Annual Marquee event. Kannan mentioned that LCDC's Annual Gala is set for May 22nd. Joanne made a comment about Local Committees needing fundraising help and suggested that Jay could help with that. Jay then shared some ideas on fundraising. He also suggested forming a small team to help put a plan together.**
9. Filling the three City/County and one State Legislative two-year seats on our committee
 - a. **A call needs to go out this month or next to the Local Committees requesting nominations. - Zach talked about the need to send a request to Local Committees to have them send their recommendations for their 10th CD reps. Zach will send the timeline.**

NEW BUSINESS

10. DPVA Grassroots Award Winner for VA10 - **Due to DPVA Feb 16. "Someone the committee believes exemplifies the grassroots spirit of the Democratic Party of Virginia". - Zach said he will send an email and we can vote by email. Kim suggested Heidi's name for the award. EJ suggested Alana Naylor's name. Zach suggested Patty Nelson. Linda nominated Alana Craven. Zach wants nominations by end of day Sunday 2/10 with a paragraph about why the person is being nominated.**
11. 2020 Convention Affirmative Action Committee - **The 2020 State Convention will be the mechanism to elect delegates to the 2020 DNC Convention. Zach said Koran has expressed interest to serve on the Affirmative Action Committee. EJ and Monte said they can help Koran, if needed. Koran was then nominated to serve in this role.**
12. Ways to support local committees and campaigns in 2019 - **Monte said he is in discussions with Al Nevarez, Loudoun Chair, about helping Loudoun races, and that he is also willing to work with other Counties in the 10th to formulate a plan. EJ suggested coordinating with 10th and 11th CDs working together to possibly do a training. Linda said there are several training events available - she said awareness and networking may be more valuable. Heidi then suggested a "Candidate Open House/Candidate Forum/Candidate Coffee" event to introduce local candidates to voters and the 10th CD could host it. Mansimran said as a prior primary candidate this type of event could be valuable to candidates. Several ideas on how to organize and promote the event was discussed. Collaboration with Grass Roots Organizations was mentioned as important. We decided to target a date after the June 11th primary. It was decided to have several of these events but first test a first event in late June or early July to learn. Karen, Mansimran and Heidi to coordinate on a Candidate Fair event on June 22/23rd. The Annual Marquee event could be held in mid-July. Stone Tower Winery in Leesburg was suggested by Linda as a potential venue for our Marquee event.**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Campaign Support/Bench
14. Communications - **Linda Sperling asked for volunteers to serve on Communications. Jay Frost and Linda McCray offered to help Communications. Heidi asked if Communications can do some Social Media Research.**
15. Fundraising/Finance
16. Local Committee Operations
17. Outreach

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Linda McCray suggested some sub-committees can collaborate on common topics to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Zach mentioned sub-committees can always have joint meetings. There was discussion about suggesting candidates voluntarily go through the local committee vetting process.

Heidi closed by mentioning the upcoming HD 86 Special Election and helping on the weekend before Tuesday Feb 19.

18. Announcements

- a. The 1st quarter DPVA meeting is in Richmond on the March 2 at 11:00 AM at the Suntrust Building - link to agenda:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PDhIRyKhhfJdUJ3Pros5qjshQuo8tjGQA_41SnIYx4I/edit

19. Next 10CDDC Meeting - **TBD**

20. Adjourn - **Adjourned for Lunch to Nearby Yorkshire Restaurant.**