



**10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Minutes
Held Virtually via Zoom
10:00 AM on August 15, 2020**

Zoom Attendees: Kimberly Adams, Karen Campblin, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Kevin Kennedy, Matt Leslie, Clara Meagher, Randy Moore, Zach Pruckowski, Koran Saines, Lissa Savaglio, EJ Scott, Lainie Singerman, Joanne Spano, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

Excused Absences: Lee Carter.

Unexcused Absences: Bo Cherif, Kristine Condie, Monte Johnson, Mansimran Kahlon.

Guests: Toora Arsala, Amy Bauer, Richard Bolger, Frank Feeney, Zeina Hutchison, Atoosa Reaser, Sergio Rimola, Cleo Usmani.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair (Quorum = 12) – **Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:04 AM.**
 - a. Approval of updated Agenda – **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**
- b. Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2020, Meeting – **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**
2. Treasurer's Report – **Checks to Wexton and Khanin campaigns to be sent shortly.**
Federal Account: \$11,428.10 (Expenses for yard signs most impactful to balance)
State Account: \$375.08 (unchanged)
3. Committee changes – Clara Meagher won Manassas/Manassas Park Dems' "Paul Reid Award for Exemplary Service". Congratulations to Clara on a well-deserved recognition!

OLD BUSINESS

4. Training for Local Committee Chairs/Officers – **Email discussion going on about this. Determine interested parties. Jay to set it up whenever it's convenient to interested parties.**
5. Planning calendar – Randy Moore – **Do we want to set up an internal planning calendar? Shelley to give access to Lainie to the public google calendar. Randy will set it up and we'll all have edit access**
6. Bylaws changes
 - a. Should we be including something in the Bylaws to specifically allow voting methods other than repeated balloting? (Shelley) -
7. Fundraising planning for remainder of 2020-2021 term
 - a. We have between \$15,000 and \$16,500 to spend (will leave from \$3,500 to \$2,000 in the bank).
 - b. Approved spending from Aug 1 meeting:
 - i. 4,000 two-color "combined" yard signs; Winchester/Frederick are funding the 500 of them that they want. **Winchester/Frederick will send the funds paying for the 500 to local candidates in lieu of us doing so since they don't have a Federal account and can't send money to ours. Fairfax did their own signs, but are charging \$25/sign. Signs came to \$7,100 (with sales tax) + \$750 shipping.**
 - ii. Donate \$1,000 to HD29 candidate, Irina Khanin.
 - iii. Donate \$5,000 to Jennifer Wexton's campaign.
 - c. We have about \$3,400 left to play with.
 - d. Other spending ideas from Aug 1 meeting: **MOTION – Split remaining \$3,400 in half, spend half on digital ads and half on texting by 10CDDC, 2nd. Amendment proposed to take the texting money and instead give it to the local committees to add to their texting programs. Amendment accepted as a friendly, 2nd. Amendment proposed to use the texting to push early voting, accepted as a friendly, 2nd. What about a robocall? Other discussion about what to say about the second half of the funds. MOTION as Amended: Split remaining \$3,400 in half, spend half on digital ads and half towards local committees to spend on programs to promote early voting, 2nd, PASSED unanimously.**
 - i. Hiring a staffer – not likely due to COVID-19 restrictions on canvassing.
 - ii. Donate to other local campaigns
 1. Special Elections
 - a. HD29 - Irina Khanin (we already sent \$1,000 her way)
 - b. Clarke County BOS, Berryville District (no Dem has filed)



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- c. Frederick County BOS, Shawnee District (Dem nominee = Richard Kennedy)
 - 2. Stephens City (2 unopposed)
 - 3. Manassas/Manassas Park (Mayor + 3 Council members for each city)
 - 4. Winchester (Mayor + 4 Council members)
 - 5. Leesburg (Mayor + 3 Council members)
- iii. Encourage absentee voting.
- iv. Absentee chasers. (\$\$ to local committees to support theirs)
- v. Digital ads. (Spent \$2-3K last year.)
- vi. Texting. (LCDC is getting a 4 cents/text price)
- vii. Voter Registration support.
- e. Other spending ideas/decisions from Aug 3 Finance & Fundraising Sub-Committee meeting. – **Discussed hosting another virtual fundraising event on Oct 3. Need to determine details such as guest speakers, how to spend the money raised. Jay will arrange another meeting shortly for follow-up.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 8. Communications Plan – **Randy Moore – At Aug 13 meeting, discussed website, ads, Mailchimp blasts, posts via Twitter, Facebook, & Mailchimp. We're limited to 7 mailings/month in Mailchimp. Now that there's a budget, another meeting will be scheduled to refine the details. Website has been cleaned up a bit. Randy is working on landing pages for each 10CD local jurisdiction displaying voting info for that jurisdiction. Sample ballots will be added when available.**
- 9. Redistricting Amendment – **Currently the General Assembly does redistricting. The Amendment creates a 16 person Commission to do Redistricting. Half would be legislators from the two major parties (four and four), and half would be citizens. Lists of citizens would be provided by legislators to retired judges to choose from. One of the citizen members will Chair the Commission. The entire process will be open to the public. If they fail to agree on maps, the Virginia Supreme Court will draw the maps.**

Democrats are split on whether to support or oppose the Amendment. The Dem State Senators support, the Dem Delegates mostly oppose. The Black Legislative Caucus opposes. The DPVA 2020 State Convention passed a Resolutions package that included a resolution opposed to the Amendment and that urged all local committees to oppose it. Opponents are concerned that the Legislature is still in charge of drawing the maps, that there is no antigerrymandering language in the actual Amendment, and that the Supreme Court has mostly been appointed by Republican legislators.

There is an effort to introduce another Resolution for the 3rd Quarter Central Committee meeting on Sep 12 that would make it mandatory for all Dem local committees to take a "NO" position on their sample ballots. Wording of this Resolution has not yet been made available. Voting begins on Sep 18, so the Central meeting on the 12th is very late to be making decisions that impact sample ballots. DPVA's current position is that Local Committees may put a "NO" on their sample ballots for the Amendment, or take no position, but may not put a "YES" on their sample ballots.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10. Campaign Support/Bench (Karen – Chair; Lee, Monte, Leopoldo, Koran)
- 11. Communications (Bo and Linda – Co-Chairs; Jay, Randy, Marie, Shelley)
- 12. Fundraising/Finance (Jay – Chair; Kimberly, Kristine, Ellen, Matt, Clara, Randy, Kannan, Heidi)
- 13. Local Committee Operations (Lainie & Lissa – Co-Chairs; Shelley, Kimberly, Karen, Jerry, Ellen, Kevin, Koran, Joanne)
- 14. Outreach (Heidi – Chair; Koran, EJ, Kannan)



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15. Announcements
 - a. 3rd Quarter Central Committee Meeting – Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 11 AM - Virtual.
16. Next 10CDDC Meeting – **TBD - After we settle the details of the next fundraiser, we will meet to vote on how to spend the funds.**
17. Adjourn – **MOTION to adjourn at 11:56 AM, 2nd, PASSED.**

Submitted by Shelley Tamres, Secretary, 10CDDC