



**10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Minutes  
Held Virtually via Zoom  
10:30 AM on January 9, 2021**

**Zoom Attendees:** Kimberly Adams, Gretchen Almstead, Karen Campblin, Bo Cherif, Kristine Condie, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Mansimran Kahlon, Kevin Kennedy, 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:** Jerry Foltz, Matt Leslie.

**Unexcused Absences:** Lee Carter, Monte Johnson.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair (Quorum = 12) – Meeting called to order at 10:36 AM. The Chair called for a minute of silence to recognize the heroism and sacrifice of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick who was murdered by domestic terrorists this week. The Chair then invited everyone to express their feelings about the invasion of the Capitol.
  - a. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION, 2<sup>nd</sup>, PASSED.**
  - b. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2020, Meeting – **MOTION, 2<sup>nd</sup>, PASSED.**
2. Treasurer's Report
  - Federal Account: \$ 4341.28
  - State Account: \$ 375.08

**Matt Leslie is still working on getting Jerry Foltz access to the bank accounts so Jerry can be the backup.**
3. Committee changes – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

4. Planning calendar – Randy Moore – **Access was granted last night to all w/gmail accounts. This is the “internal” calendar, meant for events and data (like Zoom info) we don’t want to put on the public calendar. Please make sure that important events from your local committees are added. If you don’t have access, send info to Randy or Shelley to post.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Statement of Support – Joanne Spano is seeking our approval of the following statement thanking Rep. Wexton and Senators Kaine & Warner. **Discussion resulted in edits being made. There is a desire to create a second statement taking Del. LaRock to task for participating in the march on the Capitol. The Chair suggested working on the wordsmithing of these two statements via email over the next couple of days. Shelley will create a Google doc for working on the statements. It can be found here:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15qM96BQ1dLDVsMwvRyCE1N1OTtoYYo9FD1UQkTW1I\\_U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15qM96BQ1dLDVsMwvRyCE1N1OTtoYYo9FD1UQkTW1I_U/edit?usp=sharing)

The members of Virginia's 10th Congressional District Democratic Committee would like to express our appreciation to Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, Senator Tim Kaine, and Senator Mark Warner for your many years of public service. This dedication was on display during the alarming attack on the U.S Capitol January 6th when you were forced by mob threats into a lock-down for your safety, then emerged to go back to work to certify the 2020 election results. We are thankful you were not harmed.

We would also like to thank Rep. Wexton for your-her prompt declaration to support the impeachment of Donald Trump.



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6. PWC Chair Election Jan 28, 7:30 PM – observer needed. **EJ Scott will attend as an observer.**
7. Statewide Races – How to handle requests for permission to speak at our meetings plus announcements of campaign events, etc.? **As individuals, we are all free to support our choice of primary candidates. But as a Committee, we have to be careful to not take sides. We will allow each candidate to make one appearance before our Committee if they so wish. Zach will send the policies to the candidates after finalizing the list. Randy will create a list of all the candidates in CD10 for the website. We will allow up to 3 campaign events per candidate to be cross-posted by us on Facebook. We will send out just one email to our list with all the info we round up following the filing deadline (it appears there will be two filing deadlines, one for statewides and one for House of Delegates, so we will end up sending two informational emails).**
8. Planning for 2021 – Now that our terms have been extended through 2021, what do we want to establish as goals?
  - a. Candidate recruitment – Loudoun is searching for someone to run for delegate in HD33 and Winchester/Frederick is searching for someone to run in HD29. **If you know of anyone who would want to run against LaRock, please contact Lissa Savaglio and Monte Johnson.**
  - b. HD2 race – low turnout by dems? **Candi King won by only a couple of points in a district that we had won by double digits the past couple of cycles. This may be indicative of stronger competition in 2021, or it may be the old problem of low Dem turnout for a Special Election. The Special Election was held extremely quickly, and overall turnout was definitely small compared to the last couple of general elections.**
  - c. Fundraising? **Need to determine our goals and then fundraise to accomplish those goals. Any fundraising the first half of the year will be done virtually.**

**Census data delivery is behind schedule, plus we have a new redistricting process to follow. The new redistricting process may go smoothly, or it may end up with the VA Supreme Court having to appoint a Special Master to draw the districts. There is a very real possibility that the statewide primaries will be held in June, and the House of Delegates primaries will be postponed to August in hopes of having the new districts by then. But there is also a real possibility that the HOD primaries are postponed, and then have to be run with the old districts anyway, in which case there will be HOD races in 2021, 2022, and 2023. If the HOD primaries are postponed and held separately from the statewides, there will be a huge drop in turnout. One thing we could do would be to invest in keeping engagement up, e.g. “Fight the Turnout Drop”. Yard signs? Hold a lit drop? Postcarding is popular. Bulk rate licenses can be used for postcards, but if DPVA uses its bulk mailing license to send postcards, they’re liable for whatever someone writes on the postcards. Phonebanking or a robocall? Target folks who voted in 2020 but not in prior elections? Support the races in HD29 and 33? Election security? Hire a staffer for some time period (would need to determine what they’d be hired for)? Run ads online? Maybe do a poll of our committee members for which of these ideas we should pursue... give everyone 3 votes, and see which things come up with the most support? Zach will pursue getting data on the anticipated dropoff in turnout from presidential year to state year.**

**Jay Frost wants to resume regular 30 minute max fortnightly meetings of our fundraising committee starting the middle of this month. Would Kimberly, Kristine, Ellen, Matt, Randy, Kannan, and Heidi please contact Jay at [jay@frostfundraising.com](mailto:jay@frostfundraising.com) to 1) let him know if they will participate and 2) if they have days/times that work best for them?**

- d. Training? **We should look into providing candidate training, especially for first-time candidates. Per Karen Campblin, an organization that was working on a candidate training event last August had to postpone and will be doing something soon, details to follow. Local Committee Operations needs to help local committees form their nominating committees for the HOD races...nominating committees are needed for validating petition signatures and in the event that no one files for a primary.**
- e. Other? **Send any other ideas to the group via email. (NOTE: As a reminder, the following gsheet has all our contact info, and email aliases are set up for all of us and displayed on our website:**



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**<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gi5miw0aQaFzDbsPHSNX4EYq4CY357ZHNL8PJXfr8GQ/edit?usp=sharing>**

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9. Campaign Support/Bench (Karen – Chair; Lee, Monte, Leopoldo, Koran)
10. Communications (Bo and Linda – Co-Chairs; Jay, Randy, Marie, Shelley)
11. Fundraising/Finance (Jay – Chair; Kimberly, Kristine, Ellen, Matt, Randy, Kannan, Heidi)
12. Local Committee Operations (Lainie & Lissa – Co-Chairs; Shelley, Kimberly, Karen, Jerry, Ellen, Kevin, Koran, Joanne)
13. Outreach (Heidi – Chair; Koran, EJ, Kannan, Gretchen)
14. Announcements **LCDC is holding a 2:00 PM “4 Calls 4 Democracy: Day of Action” event today. Participants will be encouraged to call Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, Senator Tim Kaine, and Senator Mark Warner to express our support for new articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump if the 25th amendment is not invoked, as well as calling the office of the Vice President of the United States to support invoking the 25th amendment.**
15. Next 10CDDC Meeting – **Shelley to do another doodle poll for a Feb meeting.**
16. Adjourn **MOTION to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, PASSED at 12:21 PM.**

**Submitted by Shelley Tamres, Secretary – 10CDDC**