



**10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Minutes
Held Virtually via Zoom
10:30 AM on February 13, 2021**

Zoom Attendees: Kimberly Adams, Gretchen Almstead, Bo Cherif, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Mansimran Kahlon, Kevin Kennedy, Leopoldo Martinez, Randy Moore, Zach Pruckowski, Lissa Savaglio, EJ Scott, Lainie Singerman, Joanne Spano, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

Excused Absences: Karen Campblin, Lee Carter, Kristine Condie, Monte Johnson, Matt Leslie, Koran Saines, Linda Sperling.

Unexcused Absences: N/A

1. **Call to order** by the Chair (Quorum = 12) – **Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:34 AM. Zach read off the participants list for those who cannot see on Zoom.**

NEW BUSINESS – Agenda item moved up by Chair to discuss this while everyone was on since at least one attendee needs to leave early.

2. Online petitioning for local candidates – Do we want to pursue this? – **We filed an amicus brief in the lawsuit by the statewide candidates about the petitions. The court apparently took note of the fact that Democratic Committees were in favor of online petitioning. There are two local races in Manassas within CD10. Zach is willing to pursue this. Lainie is willing to help with drafting documents. The general consensus is that we want to support this. Zach will reach out to our local candidates to see if they want to get the ball rolling on this.**
3. **Agenda & Minutes**
 - a. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED.**
 - b. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2021, Meeting – **MOTION, 2nd, PASSED with one abstention.**
4. Treasurer's Report
Federal Account: \$ 4335.32
State Account: \$ 375.08

Matt informed us that he and Jerry need to go to the bank in person to arrange for Jerry to be the backup signer. Matt is waiting until he is vaccinated to handle this. In the meantime he will give Jerry view access to the online account.

5. Committee changes – None

OLD BUSINESS

6. Statements of Support – These never went out. What do we want to do? **MOTION by Leopoldo Martinez to approve as is, 2nd by Ellen Heald. MOTION by Randy Moore to divide the question, 2nd by Heidi Zollo, PASSED. Vote on approval of statement a. as **corrected**, PASSED, with 14 Ayes and 3 Nays. Vote on approval of statement b., PASSED unanimously.**
 - a. Joanne Spano is seeking our approval of a statement thanking Rep. Wexton and Senators Kaine & Warner:

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 their many years of public service. This dedication was on display during the alarming January 6th attack by a mob of insurrectionists and rioters on the U.S Capitol. While this attack temporarily forced you and your colleagues and staff into a lock-down for your safety, you courageously and quickly resolved to go back to work and ensured the certification of the 2020 election results. We are thankful



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you were not harmed, and offer our heartfelt condolences for those who lost their lives in protecting the Capitol and democracy itself.

We thank Representative Wexton for her prompt declaration to support the impeachment of Donald Trump. We also request **the** initiation of a full-scale investigation into the attack on our citadel of liberty, and to bring the perpetrators and their enablers to full account.

- b. Take LaRock to task for participating in the Jan 6 insurrection:

The members of Virginia's 10th Congressional District Democratic Committee condemn Delegate David LaRock, representing Virginia's 33rd House of Delegates District, for his participation in the shameful riot on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, in which armed insurrectionists marched on the U.S. Capitol building and invaded it. The invasion took place while Congress was in joint session to count the electoral votes of the states in order to complete the process of electing our next president. U.S. Senators, House Members, and the Vice President of the United States were all present in the building. The insurrectionists murdered a Capitol Police Officer, injured others, and desecrated property belonging to the people of the United States.

Delegate David LaRock has used his position as an elected official to incite violence and spread misleading information and therefore, we call on Delegate LaRock to resign from the Virginia General Assembly.

- 7. Planning for 2021 – Now that our terms have been extended through 2021, what do we want to establish as goals? **Winchester will hold a caucus if needed for local races. Manassas will vote next week on what kind of primary process to use for their local races.**
 - a. Candidate recruitment –Winchester/Frederick is still searching for someone to run in HD29.
 - b. Fundraising? – **Let Jay know if you want to participate in the (short) weekly fundraising meetings.**
 - c. Training? – **Candidate training and campaign staff training. Leopoldo said that the DNC offers good training programs. Currently are virtual due to the pandemic. Leopoldo to work with Monte and Karen on organizing any needed training. Political training is available from various organizations; if anyone on your local committee needs this, put them in touch w/Leopoldo. The Sorensen Institute runs great training programs. Most of the nominating committees have been formed, and it seems like we don't need to assist with that.**
 - d. Other?

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8. Campaign Support/Bench (Karen – Chair; Lee, Monte, Leopoldo, Koran)
- 9. Communications (Bo and Linda – Co-Chairs; Jay, Randy, Marie, Shelley) – **Randy started adding 2021 election info to the website.**
- 10. Fundraising/Finance (Jay – Chair; Kimberly, Kristine, Ellen, Matt, Randy, Kannan, Heidi)
- 11. Local Committee Operations (Lainie & Lissa – Co-Chairs; Shelley, Kimberly, Karen, Jerry, Ellen, Kevin, Koran, Joanne)
- 12. Outreach (Heidi – Chair; Koran, EJ, Kannan, Gretchen)
- 13. Announcements

EJ won a Fellowship to work on African American preservation in VA. If you know anyone involved in anything related to this, have them contact EJ. She wants to tell the stories of post-emancipation heroes. People working on saving structures frequently have stories to tell. She is also serving on the Board of Preservation Virginia.



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HD86 now has a primary challenger to Del. Samirah named Irene Shin. In HD34, Jennifer Adeli is the primary challenger to Del. Murphy.

14. Next 10CDDC Meeting – **Shelley will do a Doodle poll for late March/early April.**
15. Adjourn **MOTION to adjourn at 11:52 AM, 2nd, PASSED.**

Submitted by Shelley Tamres, Secretary – 10CDDC