

March 17, 2020 Meeting minutes

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the March 2020 monthly meeting was held via teleconference

Called to order 7:35

Comments from Larry Jackson, co chair. 2 weeks ago had a wonderful turnout in Dem presidential primary. Now we have the pandemic. But, we need to build on the excitement and do it virtually. We will keep doing our work virtually.

Whitney Petrilli: We will make the best of it and do what we need to do to keep people safe while getting our work done.

Kathy Marmet: vice chair comments: Prez advice - no group larger than 10 and coronavirus is an acceptable for anyone to vote absentee. Still have to request a ballot by mail and use excuse 2A - for Warrenton Town Council, The Plains, Remington town elections.

Congressional and senate primaries: probably will have something similar. We need to rethink how we do our canvassing and pre-election work.

Secretary's report. 93 members. Motion to bring all into membership. 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: starting balance 6736. Receipts. 7085.58. Motion to accept report passed.

David Wiedenfeld: Last few years had questions on reporting and limits on donations to candidates. Federal and state reporting requirements being studied in light of our growth by members and financially. We are going to have to start doing monthly reports to FEC. 2020 we have federal elections, therefore, \$ spent on these elections must be reported to FEC. Steve will need help due to increased reporting requirements, especially using basic software is rather antiquated so Loudoun County purchased other software. Nigel Ogilvie will help with this. Will continue discussions with other counties for info on how other people do it.

Max Hall: political director - Compiling a stakeholders document to break people outside Dems that we should talk to, be aware of as they may be adverse, to help with interfaces around the county.

Jeff Millington: Precinct Operations - will work with Nancy

Catherina Hurlburt: no report.

New business: Covid 19 is dominating the way we do business. May elections - we may see more no excuse for absentee voting. Assumption is all will be working fine

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