

2021-5-18 Notes from FCDC Monthly Mtg this day FINAL

***Those who attended the meeting feel free to suggest edits/corrections, thanks.*

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Discussed early voting, so far 400 in Fauquier County and 100 in HD 31 (delegate primary); vote early or come to the polling place.

Candidates presented themselves: 3 min each:

- Lt Gov: Xavier Warren; Sean Perryman
- Atty Genl: Jay Jones
- HD 31: Kara Pitek; Rod Hall; Idris O'Connor staffer Sam Huetter.

Questions included rural access to broadband and gun control.

Whitney: Please vote early **and** come volunteer to show a Fauquier Dems presence at the polls. The crowd will be a friendly group because all or almost all voters will be Dems. Come help us staff the polls and meet new people who are by definition “your peeps.”

Colleen: Treasurer’s report, we remain solvent.

Nigel: Secretary’s report: We are holding at 138 members which is a historical high point for us. Nigel called attention to the article from The Hill that we circulated with the meeting notice: The article identifies the importance of young persons in the Dem and progressive movements, and thus the importance of recruiting them for the FCDC. In a related development, we have been contacted by Carrson Everett of the VA Young Dems who is working to strengthen the Young Dem chapters in Virginia’s U.S. House District 5. More on this in the future.

Larry and Whitney: Discussed budget – the numbers are a ceiling not a mandate to spend; no luck yet getting HQ office; if you have a contact or a lead to find a potential election HQ office, let Whitney know.

Fundraising: Whitney, Irv and Nigel are working to develop a list for fundraising. Nigel owes Whitney and Irv a list of recent past contributors.

Larry: *Read to Lead*. Saturday session was small, Wednesday session should be larger. Nigel sent a related letter to the editor of the Fauquier Times (appeared 5/19).

Communications Committee: (Melissa, Pat, Mara and others): We reviewed the brochure which looks terrific.

Outreach Committee: Virginia discussed a future postcard event, after the primaries.

Dee: Discussed Biden Admin plan to give funds for the benefit of children – we should publicize that as a Dem initiative.

General discussion: What is our position on candidates dropping literature off at our precinct tables?

Decision: Permit them to put lit on our tables. **Be very clear that we do not endorse any particular candidate in our primaries.**

Irv: At his precinct he will have a cooler of water with a sign “Free water! (Still legal in Virginia, not legal in Georgia.)”

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Respectfully submitted,

Nigel Ogilvie, Secretary