

2021-7-20 FCDC Monthly Meeting Notes

This was our first hybrid in-person / Zoom meeting since Covid arrived. Thanks to efforts by Max, Larry and Whitney, it went surprisingly well. **Note: We now have an FCDC Zoom account for use by FCDC members to facilitate FCDC-related meetings and communications. Contact Larry or Nigel if you want to use this account.

Irv gave a heartfelt short eulogy for our deeply respected colleague Peggy Richardson. The memorial service for Peggy will be 11 am on 7/22 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville. In her memory, FCDC will donate to Fair Fight (www.fairfight.com)

Candidate time: Kecia Evans, candidate for VA House of Delegates 88th District, gave an articulate, concise summary of her background and views on the issues. Kecia is a very strong candidate who merits all of our support. Kecia's website is:

<https://www.evans4delegate.com/meet-kecia>

(Note: Let us know if you are having trouble accessing this page.)

Larry discussed initiatives by the DPVA to develop a coordinated campaign for Virginia, led by the McAuliffe campaign. DPVA has training videos about safe canvassing and other subjects. DPVA is also working with a nationally-experienced consultant to develop answers to questions canvassers may encounter, for example misleading allegations by Republicans that Democrats are attempting to "defund the police" etc.

Kathy discussed her recent attendance at Fauquier NAACP meetings:

- We are invited to attend the 66th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration, Aug 27, 7:00 pm. The event will be held virtually via Zoom again this year. Keynote speaker: DR. CAMERON WEBB, White House Senior Policy Advisor for COVID-19 Equity and Director of Health Policy and Equity at University of Virginia School of Medicine. The theme of this year's program is Affordable Housing including the work of the Fauquier NAACP Housing Committee. There will be great music, and the recipient of Fauquier NACCP's 1st Annual Distinguished Citizen Service Award also will be announced. Sign up here:

<https://www.naacpfauquiercounty.org/event-details/66th-annual-freedom-fund-celebration>

- Also thanks to the new Biden administration and Congress, cities and local jurisdictions are receiving new funding to help offset lost revenue and high expenses during the pandemic. Redistricting is progressing and all voters should tune into that process plus offer comments as they feel appropriate. Kathy also discussed the national housing and homeless problems, plus the concern that we are using prisons as repositories of persons with mental illness.

Nigel gave a short Secretary's report: We reviewed the 6/15 Notes and adopted them. He will attempt to be more timely with FCDC Meeting Notes in the future.

Colleen presented the Treasurer's report: She reviewed income and expenses/donations, and reported our current balance. Great appreciation was voiced for all recent donors to our Big Signs effort.

Dave discussed the Big Signs and other signs initiatives. Early voting begins Friday 9/17. We will again have satellite voting offices in Bealeton and Vint Hill, although the Fauquier Supervisors have not yet formally authorized this expenditure (they are expected to). Dave acknowledged wishes of some residents to also have a satellite voting office in Marshall or elsewhere in the northern part of the county; for this to happen, more voices need to contact the Fauquier Supervisors.

- **Bob** mentioned that registered Fauquier voters can sign up to be on the permanent list to automatically receive, by USPS, absentee ballots from the Fauquier Registrar.

Whitney discussed our intention and evolving plans to return to In-Person Canvassing and a possible FCDC social event in August.

Kim discussed our postcarding initiative – we have plenty of postcards, a good initial selection of writers, and yes we need more writers. Please consider joining the effort! Our target mailing dates

are September 7 and October 12. To sign-up or for more info, please contact Kim at:
postcards.fauquier@gmail.com . Kim will prepare a complete package with postcards, postage, and suggested names/addresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Nigel Ogilvie, Secretary