

FAUQUIER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes: July 21, 2020

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic and orders from the governor of Virginia, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

NOTE: Because major portions of campaigns are virtual, it is vital to stay in touch with campaigns as well as FCDC to remain apprised of campaign activities, virtual meetings and town halls, availability of yard signs, opportunities to volunteer. Generally, individual candidates and campaigns can be located by googling the name of the candidate. FCDC is found at www.fauquierdemocrats.org and facebook at www.facebook.com/fauquierdemocrats/. Both FCDC addresses will contain updated information about candidates and campaigns to the extent possible.

Call to order: 7:32 pm

Co-chair called for a moment of silence in honor of John Lewis and C.T. Vivian.

Co-chair Larry Jackson presented Fauquier County voter data which be used to target get out the vote efforts this campaign season. Those interested in participating in FCDC campaign activities, as well as campaign activities organized by individual candidates and the coordinated campaign should refer to the FCDC web site at www.fauquierdemocrats.org or by going to the web page for a particular candidate. Campaigns will be organizing phone banking, texting, and other forms of outreach to voters.

Several initiatives are already underway - the large highway sign initiative and the postcard initiative in conjunction with Fauquier Indivisible.

Because of the covid19 pandemic, FCDC will not open a campaign office this election season. FCDC will announce the availability of yard signs and how they can be picked up.

Co-chair Jackson lead a discussion on the proposed budget. The budget is aspirational in that FCDC must have the money before it can be spent. Specific details about the budget should be requested from the Treasurer. Budget items include: (1) postcards and postage for same in conjunction with the Fauquier Indivisible/FCDC collaborative postcard project targeting Fauquier County voters; (2) large, highway size campaign signs. Funds have already been received and expended for this item; (3) yard signs; (4) video conferencing software.

A motion to accept the budget as presented passed.

Vice-chair report: The vice-chair reminded attendees about Dr. Cameron Webb's weekly covid19 updates at 7 pm Mondays, on Dr. Webb's facebook page.

Secretary's report: The Secretary reported membership of 97 members after a new member is voted in at this meeting.

New member Anna Gibson was voted into membership.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer presented a briefing on the shift from state reporting to federal reporting under FEC rules. This has been a long, difficult process as the FEC rules are quite stringent. Following FEC reporting rules allows local political committees to spend more than \$1000 on federal elections, something FCDC was hindered by in past federal election years.

FCDC has two accounts: non-federal which includes non-federal finances and quarterly reporting to the state and the federal account which falls under FEC rules and requires monthly reporting to the FEC. Colleen Taylor will be the assistant treasurer for the federal account.

It is important that contributions to FCDC not made via ActBlue from the FCDC web page must be accompanied with a receipt and a form available from the web page.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report passed.

New business:

Election of new Secretary: Nancy Treusch resigned from the Secretary's position on the Board. Nigel Ogilvie was elected Secretary.

Precinct operations report: Jeff Millington reported on precinct operations. Information from the VAN will be used for precinct captains to contact voters in their precinct. Mr. Millington encourages precinct captains to contact the people on their precinct volunteer lists to keep those volunteers up to date and involved.

Political coordination: Max Hall reported on upcoming training on texting outreach. He is also working on setting up a google docs group. Unfortunately his report was interrupted due to loss of power from a severe storm.

Update on the Remington Town seal: Laura Jackson presented information on the petition she and others have been circulating to present to the Remington Town Council in regard to removing the Confederate flag from the town seal at the August meeting of the council.

Voting security: David Wiedenfeld, county elector, discussed voting security and the need to inform voters how to vote absentee by mail. Voters must request a ballot from the Fauquier County registrar. Ballots will be mailed. Voters must carefully follow all directions for voting on the absentee ballot and MUST put postage on it and mail it back to the registrar so it is received by the registrar no later than

November 3. Voters can take their absentee ballot in person to the registrar's office instead of mailing it. Voters can vote early in person at the registrar's office and no longer need an excuse to vote early. In order to vote in the presidential election this year, voters must be registered to vote by October 15. Picture ID is no longer required to vote but voters must still have a form of identification.

For personal safety of voters and poll workers during the covid19 pandemic, voters are encouraged to vote absentee by mail in order to decrease the number of in person voters on November 3rd.

Candidates' time:

Jocelyn Garay for Senator John Warner. jocely@markwarnerva.com. Warner yard signs will be available at the end of August. Please contact Jocely with any questions or ideas about campaigning during the pandemic.

Shannon Kane for Hala Ayala: Ms. Ayala just announced her candidacy for Lt. Governor.

Jennifer Carroll Foy joined the meeting. She is running for governor.

Tonya James for the coordinated Biden campaign - Build Back Better. Yard signs will be available soon.

Dr. Cameron Webb, candidate for Congress 5th CD joined the meeting and spoke about his campaign policies, the need to take back the 5th CD seat, and his campaign activities. Logan Showalter is the campaign field director and can be contacted at logan@drcameronwebb.com.

Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Treusch