

FAIRFAX DEMOCRATS



Fairfax County Democratic Committee—General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes November 29, 2022

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM

II. Electronic Meeting Instructions

- A. The chair reviewed the hybrid meeting instructions.

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. The Agenda for the September 2022 meeting agenda was approved without objection. The July meeting minutes were also approved.

IV. Approval of New Members

- A. New and associate members were voted-in unanimously, and vetting was confirmed.

V. Introduction of Special Guests

- A. Holly Seibold discussed her background and candidacy for Delegate of HD 35. Encouraged members to volunteer and donate.
- B. Commonwealth's Attorney Steve shared statistics on decrease in crime in Fairfax County. Visit stevedescano.com for more information. Encouraged Democrats to continue to work hard to elect Democrats.
- C. Del. Dan Helmer encouraged members to continue to help elect Democrats and shared some of Youngkin's detrimental policies.
- D. Laura Jane Cohen (Springfield School Board member) announced her run for House of Delegates and invited members to attend her kickoff event and shared her website for those interested in more information.
- E. Herndon Mayor Sheila Olem encouraged members to visit Herndon and shared current policies she is supporting.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- A. The treasurer reviewed the budget and district committee balances.
- B. Currently the Committee hasn't raised as much as previous years, but also hasn't spent at much. Encouraged members to attend upcoming events and fundraisers. District committees are encouraged to contact her for questions about their specific accounts.

VII. Chair's Report

- A. Echoed need to raise funds via upcoming activities. Encouraged members to consider being Sustainers, which would help the Committee significantly. Also reviewed upcoming activities to help financially support the Committee.

VIII. Vice Chairs', Committees, and Caucus Reports

- A. S. Sedgwick: The recent Running for Office 101 training session went well, great turn out with about 35 participants. Members were encouraged to contribute gifts for the foster kid gift drive (about 180 young people). Provided link for those interested in contributing.
- B. P. Jameson: Focusing on School Board races, especially the need to combat harmful republican rhetoric. Put together a team based upon skillsets to help with committee tasks, but still seeking someone with media skills.
- C. P. Morrison: Voter Registration needs more people to help. The VR group helped candidates in various locations at multiple locations. Always looking for more folks.
- D. M. Zermeño: Next Latino Caucus will be meeting on the last Thursday in January. All are welcome to attend.

IX. New Business

- A. Selection of Primary Election as Nomination Process for Partisan Offices
 - 1. A. Yohai: Moved that the Committee selects primary as the method of nomination for all partisan offices in the November 7, 2023 general election.
 - 2. There was discussion from the floor.
 - 3. The motion was approved without objection.
- B. Endorsement and Process for Non-Partisan Offices
 - 1. The FCDC Caucus Rules Task force's recommendations were discussed at length, with many concerns raised from attendees.
 - 2. J. Farrell made a motion to recommit the proposal to the Task Force. The motion was seconded, and was adopted without objection.
- C. Sandra J. Klassen: Moved for the adoption of a resolution to condemn actions of extremist rulings of the Supreme Court and urging the president and congress to mitigate the damage
 - 1. There was discussion from the floor.
 - 2. A poll was launched online and a voice vote was conducted on-site.
 - 3. The motion carried, and the resolution was passed.
- D. From the floor, a motion was made that FCDC shall endorse in the Fairfax County School Board (both at-large and District) and Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Director non-partisan races.
 - 1. The motion was approved without objection.

X. Announcements

- A. Members shared information on upcoming events. More information can be found on the committee's website.
- B. The next meeting will be on 1/24/2023 at 7:30 PM.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.