



Fairfax County Democratic Committee—General Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 28, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

II. Electronic Meeting Instructions

A. The chair reviewed the virtual meeting instructions.

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. The Agenda for March 2023 and minutes from the January 2023 meeting were approved without objection.

IV. Approval of New Members

- A. List of new members displayed for review. Chair apologized for delay of applicants being considered for membership.
- B. M. Godbold: Raised question about the level of detail used for vetting new members. Chair mentioned that screening happens at the district level.
- C. New members were accepted without objection.

V. Introduction of Special Guests

- A. Paul Thomas, candidate for School Board – Hunter Mill
- B. Kelvin Garcia, candidate for Sheriff
- C. Maritza Zermeno, candidate for Supervisor – Mount Vernon
- D. Aarna Bhamidipadi on behalf of Abrar Omeish
- E. Mary Barthelson, candidate for HD-7
- F. Shyamali Hauth, candidate for HD-7
- G. Iryong Moon, candidate for School Board, At-Large
- H. Chris Lewis, candidate for School Board, At-Large
- I. Hamid Munir, candidate for School Board, At-Large
- J. Lawrence Webb, candidate for School Board, At-Large
- K. Karen Keys-Gamarra, candidate for HD-7
- L. Harold Sims, candidate for School Board, Mount Vernon
- M. Seema Dixit, candidate for School Board, Sully District
- N. Mateo Dunne, candidate for School Board, Mount Vernon
- O. Supervisor Stork, incumbent for Mount Vernon
- P. Jimmy Bierman, candidate for Supervisor, Dranesville District
- Q. Abrar Omeirsh, candidate for School Board

VI. Election of Vice Chair of Finance

- A. Chair announced there is a vacancy for vice chair of Membership. Election will be held at May's meeting.
- B. Chair opened floor for nomination for vice chair of Finance
- C. Greg Brandon nominated Tina Barchik. Stephanie Sedgwick seconded.
- D. Tina Barchik elected without objection.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- A. Treasurer reviewed income and expenses of the Committee. \$148,000 raised, though anticipated raising more. \$165 discrepancy to be fixed.

VIII. Chair's Report

- A. Members are encouraged to be a part of Fairfax Dems Gems (formerly Sustainers), for those who can support FCDC with \$10+/month.
- B. FCDC released statement regarding the shooting of an unarmed Black man. Chair discussed recently released video and new information and commended the Committee for working together on such a challenging issue.
- C. Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) on school board race. Video released discussed how RCV works.
- D. Dominic Thompson introduced himself as the new Executive Director of FCDC.
- E. Draft 2023 Budget
 - 1. Chair discussed starting balance, estimated income, and estimated expenses of the Committee.
 - 2. Reviewed Income and Expenditure Policy for District Committees and Standing Committees and Caucuses, including as part of the budget.
 - 3. Chair answered various questions from members regarding plans for the Joint/Coordinated Campaign.
 - 4. Budget was adopted without objection.

IX. Vice Chairs', Committees, and Caucus Reports

- A. T. Barchik: Discussed new venue for Blue Fairfax Dinner, encouraged members to attend. Also need donations for silent auction.
- B. M. Vorel (Precinct Ops): Encouraged members to help with voting efforts. PO to host a training summit for precinct captains and volunteers to hear about best practices and networking. Candidates will also be invited to attend. 7/29 at Fairfax Government Center.
- C. P. Morrison (Voter Registration and Education): Started Student Commuter Registration at NOVA and GMU week of 4/10 and 4/17. Also working with PO that will describe offices and the importance of Democrats in those offices.
- D. P. Jameson (FCDC South): Put together a strategy paper on what SB is about, Republican tactics, and messaging, and training. Would like to speak with all endorsed candidates.
- E. M. Zermeno (Latino Caucus): Invited all to attend last meeting of Latino Caucus with her as the chair (March 3). Congressman Don Beyer and Councilman Canek Aguirre in attendance.
- F. K. Hebron (Black Caucus): Supporting NAACP regarding recent shooting at Tyson's Corner. Encouraged members to attend.
- G. S. J. Klassen (National Affairs): Working on thwarting GOP agenda in schools. FCDC National Affairs Forum, "Dark Money is Coming for Our Children." More information to come.
- H. M. Wiss (Education): Upcoming candidate forum for At Large candidates on May 6.
- I. R. Meneses (API): Upcoming meeting on 4/14. Invited candidates to come and speak.
- J. N. Samaniego (Diversity & Outreach): Discussed various events for Women's History Month.

X. New Business

- A. None

XI. Announcements

- A. Members made various announcements from the floor. Events and additional information can be found on FCDC's website.

XII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.