

MVDDC Committee Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

Officer Reports

- Chair
 - Introductions
 - Vote in new members
 - Lisa Sales
 - Lanita Thweatt
 - HQ Announcement – The Fairfax Democratic Coordinated Campaign now has a Lee and Mt. Vernon campaign headquarters! The office is located at 6821 Richmond Highway, at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Richmond Highway. FCDC is helping cover the cost, and MVDDC will also be contributing in an effort to support many candidates at one time. Please stop by! All kinds of activities will be going on through the election.
- Secretary – Kate Spears submitted the minutes after our June meeting. Minutes approved.
- Treasurer – Richard Ingham was not present but submitted a budget for review. Treasurer's report approved.
- Precinct Operations
 - Maria Vorel (Precinct Ops Vice Chair, Middle) said that what's important to meeting our shared goal of electing Democrats is having a good organization in place through precinct captains. A precinct captain is a person who organizes other volunteers who live in their neighborhood to find other Democrats and get them to vote. Due to Virginia's yearly elections, we have the opportunity to keep people involved. The Precinct Ops Vice Chairs work to build capacity, alliances, and the volunteer base; and are working with FCDC to create SOPs. Unfortunately, they don't have precinct captains in many places – volunteers are needed! This is a great year to practice and build up getting ready for 2020. Precinct Captains/Co-captains are needed in:
 - North – Current PC's need assistance
 - Middle – Westgate, Belvoir, Waynewood, and Army
 - South – Saratoga, Newington, Lorton Station, Laurel Hill, South CountyPlease think about who you know who might be able to do this and contact your area's Precinct Ops Vice Chair. Someone could volunteer for a neighboring precinct if theirs is already covered.
 - Beverly Bacon (Precinct Ops Vice Chair, North) – On Sept. 7, FCDC is having VAN training in the morning and precinct organizing training in the afternoon. FCDC is organizing a data team which will be meeting on Sept. 5. Lukas McMichael is steering the Mt. Vernon data team. For both events, interested parties can register on the FCDC calendar at www.fairfaxdemocrats.org/calendar.

- Sarah Jernigan (Precinct Ops Vice Chair, South) – Lorton’s Farmers Markets have been a great success so far! They will still need volunteers to help this weekend and beyond. Sign up on Sign Up Genius form (available on the MV website). Back to School Night supplies are available at the meeting; after tonight, Middle/North can get it from the HQ building and South can get it from Sarah (need to coordinate a time). Talk to Sarah if you’re not sure how to staff a table or have any questions.
- Communications – Rachel Buczynski (Communications Vice Chair) reminded the committee that updates on events and volunteer opportunities can be found on the MVDDC website at www.mvdemocrats.com and via social media (Facebook and Twitter). If you’re at an event, please send photos of electeds, candidates, volunteer activities, etc. to Rachel at communications@mvdemocrats.com.
- Outreach – No report
- Standing Committee Reports – No reports

Old Business

New Business

- Ice Cream Social – LexaLynn Hooper (Events Vice Chair) ask committee members to sign up for volunteer spots on the Sign Up Genius link (available on the website or via an in-person form at the meeting. She is looking into securing a school or other space as a backup option in case of bad weather. In the event of a severe weather location change, communications would be sent out via website, email, social media, and direct outreach. If we have a backup location in advance, it can be added to event materials.
 - LexaLynn also noted that she will need assistance moving items from the MVDDC storage unit to a storage garage at the new HQ building. Please contact LexaLynn for details. The move is planned for 10am on August 27.
- Indivisible Below the Beltway – Genie McCreery brought information about the Women’s Summit that the group did earlier this year to show what they do and what they work on. They are working on a major postcard mailing as well as doing texting and tweeting to get people involved. They are focusing these efforts, as well as canvassing, on candidates who are getting targeted by the Republicans and also supporting locals. They need help! Attend their mix and mingle to show your support and find out more on September 7 from 4-7pm at the new HQ.
- Electeds Updates:
 - FCPS School Board Chair Karen Corbett Sanders said that Back to School starts next Monday and there will be 189,000 students coming back to FCPS. The goal is to make sure every one of those students have access to an excellent education. The Democrats are working to correct information about school boundary setting spread by the opposition party. It is especially important to have all Back to School Nights covered to help promote our Democratic candidates.

- Karen will send talking points to Sarah Jernigan to share with BTS volunteers in case there are any questions about the issue on-site.
 - Scott Surovell spoke about FCDC and the need to make changes to the structure – particularly Committee caps – before the reorganization. The number of members who do not attend has created a non-quorum on multiple occasions. He will also need volunteers to reach out to Democrats who didn't vote in 2015 – please sign up for his newsletter for event news.
 - Paul Krizek (via Campaign Manager Aaron Campbell) – Canvassing opportunities coming up this weekend – please come help! August 24 at 12:00pm and August 25 at 1:30pm at the new HQ.
- Candidates provided remarks on their platforms and volunteer opportunities:
 - Manisha Singh – asked for our votes on Sept. 24
 - Kathy Tran (via surrogate) – canvassing opportunities this weekend – info will be posted on MV website volunteering opportunities page.
- Other business:
 - Lois read a statement about the County endorsement/primary process.
 - Lisa Sales, new member, said that Monday is Women's Equality Day. She is part of VAratifyERA. There are numerous upcoming events. The group is also doing an Ice Cream for Equality event – an ice cream truck will be traveling all over the state doing education and awareness. More info and events at varatifyera.org.

Upcoming Events

- Back to School Night, August 22 – September 25, 2019, Volunteers are needed to help staff tables at FCPS Back to School Nights!
- 44th District Canvass for Paul Krizek and Karen Corbett Sanders, August 24, 2019, 12:00 p.m., Joint Campaign Office Headquarters, 6821 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, 22306
- 44th District Canvass for all candidates, August 25, 2019, 1:30 p.m., Joint Campaign Office Headquarters, 6821 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, 22306
- Mount Vernon Candidate Forum, hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, September 4, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
- MVDDC 42nd Annual Ice Cream Social, Sunday, September 8, 2019, 4:00 -6:00 p.m.
- More events with links on the website at www.mvdemocrats.com