

# February Mt Vernon District Membership Meeting Notes

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## MVDDC CHAIR REPORT-

Chair brought up campaign for Laurie Buchwald in the upcoming special election.

## CALL TO ORDER

- Approval of Minutes —
- Approval of New Members
  - Marlon Dubuisson (618 - Newington)
  - Matthew Dunne (611 - Stratford)
  - Gerardo Contino (623 - Alban)
  - Jessica Montoya (611 - Stratford)
- Paul Jameson Moved to approve the new members, Kate Spears seconded the motion. The names of the new members will be forwarded to FCDC to be voted in at the March 2021 membership meeting.

## GUEST SPEAKERS—Legislative Updates

- Delegate Mark Levine (45th District)
- Delegate Paul Krizek (44th District)
- Delegate Mark Sickles (43rd District)
- Delegate Kathy Tran (42nd District)
- Delegate Vivian Watts (39th District)

## OFFICER REPORTS

- Secretary (Kate Spears)
- Finance (Matthew Bell)—Matt thanked those who helped with Mardi Gras; We cleared a good bit of money (\$10k+)

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- Treasurer (Sarah Jernigan) Budget will be voted on at next month's meeting—if you have changes please get them to Sarah as soon as possible so she can have things prepared.
- Precinct Operations (Maria Vorel) — We will have lots of opportunities for folks to get involved in activities that they enjoy and feel comfortable doing. Please get in touch with her to see what is out there.
- Outreach (Abu Bakr Rashid & Abu Sarkar)—No report
- New Member Engagement (Paul Jameson) —We had five new members join the committee this month.
- Events (LexaLynn Hooper)
  - Straw Poll—Chris Ambrose; over 209 attendees voted. Jennifer McClellan won for Governor; Sam Rasoul for Lt. Governor, and Mark Herring for Attorney General.
  - Final Mardi Gras 2021 Report
    - Approximately 280 tickets were sold for the event. Sarah will report on the revenue from ticket sales. 225 people actually signed in.
    - Guest Speakers, Candidates for Governor, LT Governor, and AG, Rapid Fire Questions for the Electeds, all contributed to a full program. Matt Bell will report on the candidates.
    - “The Blue Wave” A Beautiful drink was prepared for all who attended by Sarah Jernigan’s nephew.
    - “The Big Easy” A beautiful auction basket was auctioned off with the top bid at \$240.00.
    - The Committee consisting of Maritza Zermeno, Matt Bell, Sarah Jernigan, Chris Ambrose, Yoko, Derrick Robinson, Kate Spears, Dawn Drennan, Bev Bacon, Susan Boswell-Sears, Maria Buscemi, Maria Vorel, Paul Jameson, Amy Bowman, and Genie McCreery, spent 9 weeks organizing the event.
    - MVDDC is now well prepared to do both virtual and actual fund raisers and looks forward to start planning the Ice Cream Social for next September..
- Technology (Lukas McMichael)—no report
- Small Business (Mark Cannady)—no report
- State & Local Affairs (Christopher Ambrose)—No report
- Social Justice (Genie McCreery)
  - Genie asked people to send her a video and sent instructions

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- They also offered to do a separate zoom call if people need a “Safe Space” to discuss social justice issues.
- Communications (Empty)

#### OLD Business

- We still have FCDC committees that we need MVDDC representation on.

#### New Business

- Elizabeth Guzman addressed the group. She is a Delegate from Prince William County, but is also running for Lt. Governor
- Supervisor Dan Storck addressed the meeting
- Ana Prados is leading a group within Mt. Vernon regarding Climate Change; They plan to have a presentation at our March Meeting

Meeting Adjourned—Post-Meeting Happy Hour commenced