

PCDC MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2026  
WEST LURAY REC CENTER, LURAY VA

ATTENDEES: Miles Morimoto, Jaron Bourke, Joe Petralia, Kathleen White, Pat Petralia, Clyde Humphrey, Tom Dawson, John Mayeux, Will Bowers, David Rossé, Mike Mudd, Bette Schmidt, Donna Marino, Linda DeSombre, Dale DeSombre Sr., Chip Taggart, Ken Scalet.

GUESTS: Sara Finn (Community Works)

- I. The PCDC monthly meeting convened at 6:30 PM. The Chair opened by thanking all for work on the April 21 referendum vote, and noted expectations that the Va Supreme Court would approve it by next week. The bill boards had a huge impact. The remainder of the year will be busy with the primary and then November election. Ana Maria Mendez will run for school board for District 5 — the only local election we will be involved in. In November the vote is for Walkinshaw or Bree. The ballot will have three amendments for the state constitution: reproductive rights, restoration of voting for former felons and gay marriage rights. The May 23 fundraiser sold 80 tickets so far. Let's double it. We'll comp 30-40 tickets for speakers, plus all [new] CD 11 chairs — a first time for all in the same room and an excellent relationship building opportunity. The chair met two weeks ago with Senator Warner and his campaign manager in Harrisonburg. Warner has brought housing funds to Harrisonburg and Rockingham — why not Page! Spanberger wants a rural person covering rural issues. PCSC needs a timeline for deliverables.
- II. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS - The May 2026 minutes were approved. The financial report was confirmed.
- III. BY-LAWS were approved.
- IV. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Pat Petralia introduced new members Linda and Dale DeSombre. District chairs met last night. On April 21 the Democrats' tables outside polls showed good teamwork. The primary is on August 4.
- V. OUTREACH COMMITTEE Mike Mudd reported good cleanup collection at 24 trash bags and thanked Lori Painter for organizing it. May 14 is our Wisteria happy hour.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE David Rossé reported 85 'likes' on Facebook for our trash pick up posting, many from outside Page Co. Communications meets tomorrow.
- VII. LOCAL ISSUES & ELECTIONS A letter on the 1st and 2nd amendments was

submitted by Pat Berg. With the Executive Committee OK, the affordable housing approach was overhauled shifting our focus to sources of funding. Two ways to increase the housing supply are through new construction and refurbishing dilapidated houses. Next step is to talk with the Board of Supervisors, EDA and Planning Commission.

VII. COMMUNITY WORKS Sara Finn said all should be getting periodic email alerts to CW activities. Upcoming is the Birdsong Garden Lovers annual fundraiser, with proceeds supporting two high school students studying environmental conservation. The Page Free Clinic fundraiser was canceled, but they still need support. Soup for Seniors cooking is May 18 with Gayle. CW received and circulated a heartfelt thank you note from a senior who has no relatives at all in the area. CW got DNR and PN&C front page coverage. Suicide prevention training continues. The Choices gala and Reality Stories on real world budgeting got CW volunteer support.

A Survey of CW results are coming in: Can non-political work make a difference? The answer is Yes, it reduces polarization and partisan hostility. CW work is growing and being adopted in additional states.

To a question whether CW's 170 volunteer list has been invited to the May 23 fundraiser, No, it's out of bounds as CW stays non-political.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kathleen L. White, Secretary