

## **PAGE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MARCH 5, 2025 MEETING WEST LURAY REC CENTER, LURAY VA**

**ATTENDEES:** Chair Miles Morimoto, Gary Grant, Clyde Humphrey, Kathleen White, Marvin L Grant, Kathy Grant, Tom Dawson, Betty Karp, Skip Halpern, Pat Petralia, Joe Petralia, Jackie Bowers, Will Bowers, Suzanne Grant, Mike Mudd, Bruce Ritchie, Patrick Burns, David Rosse', Jaron Bourke, Maggie Saenz, Mike Hasty, Wendy Brown, Lori Painter, Elisa Thompson, Lisa Crofton.

CALL TO ORDER 6: 31 PM MINUTES of Feb 6, 2025 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S BUDGET was approved.

**NEW ATTENDEES** were introduced and welcomed: Marvin Grant, Kathy Grant, Jaron Bourke, Maggie Saenz, Elisa Thompson, Lisa Crofton.

Chairman Miles Morimoto emphasized that we want to grow our base and to show what democrats represent, to show our values.

COMMITTEE SUMMARIES were called by Vice Chairman Gary Grant. Each committee representative gave a three-minute summary of work.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Mike Mudd made an appeal for more volunteers, to increase the existing 5-6. Spring Events include [per pcdems.org posting]:

- March 23: 3:00 PM-5:00 PM– Grin and Beer It at Hawksbill Brewery
- River Clean-up with Friends of the Shenandoah River:
- April 5: 9-11:30 AM – Alma Landing
- April 8: 2:00-4:00 PM – Shenandoah Landing and River Park
- April 17: 5:30-8:00 PM – Wine Not Whining at Wisteria Vineyard
- April 26: 6:00 PM-9:00 PM: REC Fundraiser Dinner – Shawnee Farms 2816 Old Forge Rd. Luray VA
- May 4: PCDC Fundraiser Dinner- Stanley Fire Department
- May 17: 8:00-10:00 AM: Roadside Litter Pick-Up: Meet at Greenway parking lot near Linden Street. Bring gloves and “grabbers” if you have them. Coffee & donuts at 7:45
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**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** report by David Rosse' flagged good news that our Facebook page is now revived. With currently 804 followers, it links to other nearby counties. The Communications Committee aims for a monthly event, beginning with March 23 “Grin and Beer It” at Hawksbill Brewery. A phone bank is being organized to send text messages when needed.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** report by Pat Petralia, with co-chair Wendy Brown, noted that a procedure manual was sent to Committee chairs and will soon appear in Google Docs. Membership has reached out for volunteers to work at the May 4 fundraiser dinner and will also do so to support The Rec fundraiser. They are

following up to get missing membership applications and checks. The roster is updated on Google Drive. She called for anyone needing volunteers to contact them. She also asked for someone to donate a second iPad, needed to sign up potential new members.

**LOCAL ISSUES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (LIE)** report by Skip Halpern emphasized a conscious game plan to follow very concrete local issues that affect Page adversely. Some areas being tracked are public education, farmers, Medicaid and nursing homes, SNP, wildfire resources, broadband, and affordable housing. Any action will require coordination with Outreach and Communications.

Regarding elections, the Board of Supervisors will be appointing two positions on the Planning Commission: District 4 and at large. On the Board of Supervisors there is a District 5 position open. On the School Board, positions for Districts 1 and 5 are open. For state level elections on the Board of Supervisors there is a District 5 position open. On the School Board, positions for Districts 1 and 5 are open. For state level elections (to unseat Todd Gilbert who holds the 33rd district in the House of Delegates) Rural Ground Game is actively seeking candidates. Michael Hasty suggested that canvassing to get candidate petitions signed, would be a good way to reach out face-to-face to encourage voters.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.** Gary Grant announced that the May 4 tickets are ready and we need to mobilize members to sell both tickets (\$35), as well as sponsorships. Event auctioneer is Tony Villa and we are actively seeking a dinner speaker. For any other event with a fundraising component, members should let the committee know if they can piggyback on the event.

**Community Works** report by Skip Taggart noted four events plus a wrap-up point:

- First, the successful Soup for Seniors project received a \$1,000 grant from Shenandoah Valley Electric Corp.
- Second, The River cleanup is with Charlie Newton and Karen Anderson of Friends of the Shenandoah River.
- Third, CW is providing volunteers at the Choices Gala fundraiser.
- Fourth, CW is supporting a program to assist inmates of local jails who are getting ready to re-enter society.
- And last, CW is working with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, along with PACA and the Sheriff's Office.

Suzanne Grant reminded us that SVEC grant money from the "Round Up" program has sometimes been left unclaimed; mid-May is the next application cycle. Money is directed to People, the Planet, Animals — not rent or utilities.

**THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS PCDC'S NEW MEETING DAY. STILL 6:30 PM AT THE REC**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.