

Page County Democratic Committee

Minutes of March 7, 2024 Monthly Meeting

West Luray Rec Center, Luray, VA

Attendees: Patrick Burns, Tom Dawson, Sherry Ford, Tom Ford, Skip Halpern, Clyde Humphrey, Betty Karp, Herbert Karp, Bill King, Lucia King, David Kinsey, John Mayeux, Miles Morimoto, Lori Painter, Sandra Schaberl, Ray Snader, and Kathleen White

Guests: Bonnie Anthony, Sara Finn, Pat and John Sullivan

Call to Order at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report –The minutes of the February meeting were approved. The monthly beginning balance on February 1, 2024, was \$12,516.59. The ending balance on February 29 was \$12,640.18. Income for the month included membership dues and a \$100 donation, while expenses included rent for meeting space, and web hosting fees for three years.

Elections

The petition drive for Senator Tim Kaine to be on the ballot to retain his seat in Election 2024, and now adding Ken Mitchell too, is currently happening. The drive appears to be progressing at a slower pace than hoped. The deadline is March 21st to get papers back to the candidates.

Meet Tim Kaine in Page County – PCDC has arranged with Senator Tim Kaine for him to speak and greet the public at the Luray VFW on Saturday, March 9th, from 2-4 pm. Please join us and spread the word.

HQ Status – Contract will be signed this week for a space at 44 E. Main St., Luray. The space is a 12 x 12 ft. room, with one side of windows facing the main street. It will be available to us next week.

Regional County Discussions

Chairperson Miles Morimoto is hosting weekly County Committee Chairpersons meetings across some of the 6th Congressional District counties. The focus is to work together to leverage efforts, and also to identify what is working and what isn't to impact elections and our communities.

PCDC Organization

2024 PCDC Annual Dinner Fundraiser – Annual Dinner Committee Chairperson Bonnie Anthony needs volunteers to be on this committee. A sign-up sheet was sent around and she will call a meeting soon. The location will be at Riverbend Ranch. Date, theme, menu, and speaker search all need to be decided.

PCDC Advocacy Program

Betty Schmidt is chairperson of this program. She shared objectives and strategy, of choosing issues to advocate for, forming statements that the majority of PCDC members agree to, and posting these on our website.

Strategy includes choosing issues that make a difference to residents of Page County and also have steps that we can take action on and see results. Some issues will be acted upon together with the Page County GOP when we can work to push forward mutually beneficial legislation.

The first issue to advocate for is the Shenandoah River protection and clean up. A draft action statement was shared. The requests that were presented to the Luray Town Council and the Page County Board of Supervisors are still awaiting responses.

A River Clean-up Event to clean up and do sample water testing will be held April 27 at the Alma Boat landing.

Communications

“Community Works”–

Sara Finn reported that Community Works t-shirts are available and more will be ordered

Skip Halpern stated that he felt the benefit of the group that asked the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors for money for the Shenandoah River water testing was that local Democrats initiated the effort, but others have joined, striking a great balance and communicating that to officials

Sara Finn also pointed out that communications were going out on their website, email and Facebook pages, as well as letters to the editor of the Page Valley News and the News and Courier

The PCDC has a new website – Access it at www.pcdems.org – Thank you to Eleanor Ames for the helping to design and manage it

The PCDC ad run in the Page Valley News has begun – we have a great location on the online news forum, and the ads will be changing to keep them updated and fresh

Our vehicles of communication are currently advertising, the bulletin that is emailed after each monthly meeting, the website, and soon to be the HQ.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Next monthly meeting – April 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at The Rec in Luray, VA

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schaberl, Secretary, PCDC