

MVDDC Committee Meeting Notes

April 21, 2020

Chair Report

- Welcome—Chair Maritza Zermeno welcomed everyone to the meeting; attendance tallying process was reviewed. She suggested members reach out to other members as well as neighbors to ensure folks who are isolated know we are there for them. She suggested that if there is a new motion we will be using unanimous consent rather than a voice vote when possible due to the remote meeting
- Motion to accept the minutes—Accepted by unanimous consent
- Vote to accept 1 new member: Neneh Diallo (622 - Lorton Station) Unanimous consent
- Member Recognition: Linda Brown (615 - Woodley) Maria Vorel spoke on behalf of Linda Brown who is our April Member of the Month.
- Democratic National, State and Congressional convention delegates
- If you signed up to be a delegate to the State Convention, you should have gotten an email from DPVA. National Convention moved to Aug 17. VA State Convention will be held virtually instead of in person.

Speakers – Federal, State and Local CoronaVirus Response

- Representative Don Beyer (VA 8)
- They are getting lots of constituent calls regarding Covid/economy issues. a new bill will be voted on this Thursday; Rep Beyer gave an overview of the provisions of the legislation.

- Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax—Justin addressed the meeting. He went over the logistics of holding sessions of both the House and Senate in separate locations while observing social distancing requirements. He was asked about how they were going to handle vote by mail efforts. The governor has proposed moving the may elections to November, but that will be decided in the upcoming sessions. The June Primary elections have been moved from the 9th to the 23rd. The Lt. Governor answered many questions from the floor.

- Fairfax County Chair Jeff McKay—Jeff addressed the group; He is actively working with others in the area to implement best practices for a consistent approach to dealing with the quarantine and related challenges. He is also trying to work with the school board to assist them with their challenges. They are meeting to address budget issues and changes necessitated by the quarantine and challenges facing small businesses and community organizations.

Officer Reports

- Secretary (Kate Spears)
- Treasurer (Sarah Jernigan)—Happy Birthday
 - Cash on Hand & General Status
- Finance (Matt Bell)

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● Events (LexaLynn Hooper)

- The After-Action Summary for the 2020 Mardi Gras has been completed and submitted to the EC. If you want a copy, please send me an email and I will send it to you.
- With the guidance in the After-Action report, we have a good start and assuring that the 2021 Mardi Gras will continue to be a wonderful event.
- Thanks go to all who helped make the 2020 Mardi Gras a success.
- The tentative date for the 2021 Mardi Gras has been set for 27 Feb. We are in the process of finalizing the contract with the church and will start marketing and organizing the event before the 2020-year ends.
- The next fund-raising event, the Ice Cream Social will be held in September and as plans are developed information on this event will be sent out.

● Precinct Operations (Maria Vorel)

• **Democratic Ambassadors**

- FCDC is organizing an effort for volunteers to call their neighbors checking in, connecting them with local services, running errands if need be, collecting their contact information, and encouraging them to request a by-mail ballot.
- A script has been prepared for volunteers to use. As well as a resource page.
- This is an opportunity to promote community and build relationship.
- While these calls are not political, knowing your neighbors does help asking for votes later.
- If you would like more information, or volunteer, please see our FB page & website, the url is <https://tinyurl.com/Covidconnections> website

• **Vacancies that need filing**

- Precinct captains for Westgate, Gunston, Laurel Hill, South County, and Army
- Cluster coordinator for South County Area, to include South County, Gunston, Laurel Hill, Lorton Station, and Lorton precincts

• **The June 23rd Primary for 11th CD.**

- MV has 3 precincts in this Congressional District. MVDDC is launching an effort to recruit people to call voters in those 3 precincts to request a mail-in ballot
- Phone numbers and speaking points will be provided. Calls would be made from your home.
- If you have time, we could use your help. Please email Maria Vorel at MVViceChairPOps@FairfaxDemocrats.org

● Communications (Rachel Buczynski)

● Technology (Lukas McMichael)

● Outreach (Hamid Munir)

● New Member Engagement (Paul Jameson)

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Old Business

- FCDC Standing Committees
 - Volunteers & Appointments – Contact Maritza if you are interested
 - The Blue View
 - Headquarters
 - Local Affairs
 - LGBGQ
 - Diversity
 - 50+
 - Education
 - Technology
 - State Affairs
 - Women’s Rights
 - Labor
 - Youth Affairs

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New Business

question was raised as to what constituted attendance to meetings. Jack Kiraly stated that the bylaws regarding required attendance have been suspended during the quarantine time

Attendance at Zoom meetings is still being collected, however.

Announcements

- May 19,2020 Meeting:
 - New legislation and Reforms
 - Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring
 - Fairfax County Commonwealths Attorney Steve Descano
- May 26,2020 FCDC Meeting

HOLD THE DATES!

MVDDC & LEE DISTRICT

The “Dump Trump” Virtual Happy Hour

Last Friday of Every Month @ 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Visit www.mvdemocrats.com/events for event updates and www.mvdemocrats.com/volunteer for volunteer opportunities.