

**MINUTES: Culpeper County Republican Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2022**

Note: The meeting call was sent via email October 19, 2022.

Call to Order	Chairman Steve Mouring presiding. Meeting started at 7:01pm
Invocation	Lenny Penwell
Pledge of Allegiance	Steve Mouring
Republican Creed	Steve Mouring
Welcome of Guests	A total of 6 guests introduced themselves.
Roll Call of Members	Steve Mouring. Steve then explained the role of the EC
Previous Meeting minutes	Dewey McDonnell stated that Missy White should not be moved to affiliate since she is the Town Treasurer. Susan Monaco accepted change to minutes and will update accordingly. <u>Lorraine Carter moved to approve corrected minutes.</u> Clive Richmond second. Motion carries.
Agenda	<u>Joe Short moved to add topic of 2022 and 2023 Town Council elections to the agenda under new business.</u> Sherry Crissman second. Motion carries unanimously. <u>Vanessa Short moved that we add a discussion of the Christmas party to the agenda under new business.</u> Susan Monaco second. Change made. <u>Joe Short moved to accept agenda.</u> Clive Richmond second. Agenda approved.
1 st Good of the Order	Craig Mills spoke on behalf of the Yesli campaign. Diego wanted us to know there has been lots of momentum and says thanks for all our work. 7 th district now a toss-up. November 1, Governor Youngkin and Yesli having a rally at Brandy Station Fire House. It will be outside. Nov 5 th last day of early voting.
Chair Report	Chair explained how EC committee members get selected. Focus has been 11/8 and he should he have appointed a nominating committee. Chair is not allowed on the committee. He gave Lorraine Carter golden gavel for catching need for the committee. Please know Bylaws and “Roberts Rules” to help keep meetings moving smoothly. Per Registrar, Culpeper is accepting unaffiliated people to serve as Election Officers. You can’t ask affiliation. Steve thinks we should pick 62 people we want to serve as Election Officers and also need pick alternates. Electoral Board approves people in February. Between now and then, we’ll nominate 70+ people, who need to be vetted. Registrar is to contact all Election Officers and if they want to continue to serve, must go to party of your choice to have them nominate you. Clive Richmond explained that in 2014 Democrats took over and in 2015 they decided to NOT require party affiliation. Steve stated he doesn’t know why previous party chairs didn’t pick up on this. With Governor shift to GOP, electoral board will now have 2 Republicans and 1 Democrat. One current Dem drops off at year end and Steve will provide 3 names to Circuit Court for nominations. 1) Don Doyle, 2) Lori Medley, 3) Janet McDonnell. Not clear if judge has to take our recommendations, but Chair will submit bios with the nominations.
Vice Chair Report	<u>Lorraine Carter moved to rescind Executive Committee’s motion to offer Yesli’s campaign \$500.</u> Dewey McDonnell second. Steve explained how this came about. Vote of EC was not unanimous and some members regretted vote. Campaign preferred door knocking to money. CCRC can use money to purchase data, which is important, and to fund events. Vanessa Short asked Treasurer to explain significance of donations and what does it do to committee. Sherry Crissman explained difference between federal and state requirements, plus cash and non-cash contributions. Maggie Cleary asked if we are tracking in-kind contributions. We are not. Chair ruled vote as 2/3 majority to approve. Request for a hand count. 28 yes votes with a quorum of 37 = 75% in favor. Motion carries.

	Chair gave recognition to Treasurer for defending our treasury because of the motion included word "Offer."
Recording Secretary's Report	<p>Susan Monaco reported she emailed 3 members who have missed 2 consecutive meetings. Moved 2 people to affiliate: Kurt Christenson and Dan Jenkins. There are 2 people with applications for Membership. Michael Casey and MaryAnn Brown introduced themselves. Will vote on them at the next meeting. Last month Rhett W. Thompson II introduced himself and we need to vote on his membership approval.</p> <p><u>Lorraine Carter moved to accept Everett ("Rhett") W. Thompson II for membership into this body.</u> Dewey McDonnell second. Motion carries.</p>
Corresponding Secretary Report	<p>Gave recognition to Terry Leach and Mike Gerzina for the time they have spent learning about defending election integrity.</p> <p>Go to a rally for someone else as encouragement. Invite young people to events. Let's keep momentum going.</p>
Treasurer Report	<p>Had \$5,970.65 at last meeting. Made some money on chili cook off and donations. Expenses this month were \$490.19 Ending balance is \$5,932.77. After known expenses, effective balance will be: \$5,557.80.</p> <p>Make sure you don't spend money not approved or exceed an approved expense.</p>
Finance Chair Report	<p>Reagan Dinner is source of most of funds we raise. Balance in Jan 2022 was \$2,870.93, deposits of \$22,086.14, expected expenditures through February 2023 are \$21,315.15. That leaves us \$3,763.92 by the time we have the Reagan dinner. Vendor we're considering will allow us to pay for everything AFTER the dinner. Reminded people there are items/spirit gear available for donation at the house.</p>
Events Chair Report	<p>Vanessa Short asked people who volunteered for different activities during the year to stand. 3 events coming: 1) Election night victory party at Beer Hound at 7pm that will cost CCRC nothing, 2) Christmas party, 3) Reagan Dinner in Feb. Takes a lot of work. Please sign up to volunteer.</p>
Election Protection Report	<p>Terry Leach stated 12-15 people attended poll watcher training. Looking for 30. Let him know if you're interested. Waiting on Registrar to give him list of which Election Officers are where so he knows where to put poll watchers.</p>
No Conservative Left Behind Report	<p>Mike Gerzina reported a lot of people have been door knocking, which is most effective. Let him know if you're interested in helping. Chair mentioned Mike is also helping Terry with the Election Integrity Committee.</p>
Good of the Order #2	<p>Clive Richmond stated that as of Tuesday, there have been 2,000 in person voters and about 1,500 mail-in/absentee votes received. Tomorrow at 1pm, he's certifying the rest of the machines for all precincts.</p> <p>Chair stated Registrar contacts him every time they certify the machines. Don Doyle will likely help with that.</p> <p>Joe Short spoke about Town Council happenings. Voted to change name of Lake Pelham to Lake Culpeper. Joe, Janie Schmidt and Erick Kalinga all voted no. Lots of folks reaching out about Chief Jenkin' endorsement for Spanberger. Town Manager influenced by members of the public and he will talk to anyone, not just Town residents. Matter is being handled. It's responsibility of Spanberger campaign to remove ad. Terry Leach asked if it's violation of the Hatch Act? Since he is Town employee, not federal, probably not. BUT town gets funding from the federal government. Attorneys have been consulted.</p> <p>Janie Schmidt stated we need to show up for meetings. Some council members are swayed by public opinion, which could have swayed decision on Lake Pelham vote. Next meeting is the 10th, but normally it's the 2nd Tuesday monthly.</p>
Precinct Coordinator	<p>CCRC will have presence at every precinct on election day. Action plan has been activated. Over \$20M spent on 7th district race. Our rural counties have same voting power as Prince William. Our votes and values matter.</p> <p>Per Steve, things are desperate in our Republic. We need everyone out there.</p>

New Business	<p>HQ Building now being rented by America First Patriots. Proposed rent is \$500/month, month to month term. Motion on agenda to address last 2 months of this year. <u>Moved that \$500 be paid each for the months November and December 2022, as needed for the continued use of the current “CCRC HQ Building”.</u> Question if that \$1,000 is included in funds available for Reagan Dinner. Finance Chair said it wasn't because it hasn't been approved. Motion carries unanimously.</p> <p>Joe Short stated that there will be 4 open seats for the Town Council in November 2023 election, There will be openings for School Board and Board of Supervisors. We need to plan and lay groundwork now. If you have recommendations, get names to Chair. Joe is willing to have coffee with people interested in running for any position to provide info on the process. There are 2 open seats for Town Council in this election to fill open seats for just 1 year. 3 candidates running. Pranas Rimeikis is hard left. Brian Drumfield-Horner is assumed to be a Democrat. Erick Kalenga is the other candidate, who has voted with Joe and Janie. Encouraging us to vote for Erick and spoke positively about him, dispelling false allegations. Even though there are 2 seats, only vote for 1.</p> <p>Vanessa Short talked about upcoming Christmas party. We'll decide on date, how food will be handled and time. Choices are Saturday 12/10 or Thursday 12/15.</p> <p><u>Sherry Crissman moved that Christmas Party be held on Thursday December 15th.</u> Vanessa Short second. She stated we could have event at Luigi's in the back room for \$15 per person for heavy appetizers. Other option is a potluck. Some discussion on pros and cons. Motion carries.</p> <p>Unanimous consent to extend meeting for 10 minutes.</p> <p><u>Dave Crissman moved to have the Christmas party at Luigi's.</u> Terry Leach second. Motion carries.</p> <p><u>Mike Gerzina made motion for party to start at 6pm.</u> Dewey McDonnell second. Motion carries.</p> <p>Vanessa said there was a sign-up sheet on tables if you want to go to party so Luigi's knows how much food to prepare.</p> <p>Chair proposed November 17 for next meeting at place TBD. <u>Dave Crissman moved we hold next meeting on November 17.</u> Terry Leach second. Motion carries.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:07

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Monaco, Recording Secretary
November 9, 2022