

**Harford County Democratic Central Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**May 27, 2021**

**Call to order, 7:06pm**

**Prayer, Rev. Hunter**

**Roll Call of Committee Members**

**Committee Members Present:** Mike Ciufu, Cordell Hunter, Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Denise Perry, JoWanda Strickland-Lucas, Stephen Puopolo, Suzanne Oshinsky, Adam Hiob, Carol Bruce.

**Associate Members:** Zack Frink, Amina Hall.

**Visitors:** Justin Butler (MDDems), Sarah Mohan (Board of Elections), Michael Dykes (Board of Elections), Jean Ann Wilson, Sarahia Benn.

**Agenda Additions**

Denise asked to have in-person meetings added to New Business. Barbara asked to add Candidate resources to New Business as well.

*Barbara made a motion to accept the agenda with the above additions. Stephen seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

**Minutes of April 22, 2021**

*Jowanda moved to table the minutes till the next meeting because she had not had a chance to read them. Denise seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

**Treasurer Report**

The Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes. *A motion to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit was made by Suzanne and seconded by Cordell. The motion passed.*

**Reports**

**President**

Chair's report will be attached. Zack and Isaya are working on bringing back Young Dems to Harford County. Eastern Shore will hold a virtual meeting with Noureen Badwi, President of Young Dems of Maryland. Zack will forward the link to attend the meeting. Secretary asked to send the Chair report out to the committee. June 2nd at 6pm the redistricting commission will meet in the council chambers. The meeting is open to the public. State redistricting is also happening.

**Vice President**

Adam was delayed in getting on to the zoom meeting and was able to join at 7:53pm. He gave his report following the presentation by the Board of Elections Volunteer Voter Registration Training.

We will be setting up our table at the Havre de Grace first Fridays and he is looking for volunteers for June and July. We also need to get the various campaigns' literature to us to put on our table. Stephen, Cordell, Zack and Barbara said they could help with the

June First Friday. Adam said we could ask for more volunteers from our volunteer list for subsequent months if we can't get enough of our committee members to the First Friday.

He thanked all those who ran the "You Can Run" Virtual Program on Sunday. He also thanked Stephen for his work as treasurer.

### **Social Media, Public Relations**

Zack said that he currently has 7 people including himself interested in joining and starting a chapter of the Young Dems in Harford. They are looking for 15 people to join to get started and he will share the link to sign up in the chat.

With regards to social media, he is trying to post to social media and put out newsletters. Ayla hasn't had a chance to get back to us about the rough draft of the Logo.

### **Volunteer Voter Registration Training**

Sarah Mohan of the Board of Elections gave a presentation about how to register voters in person. Online registration is available at Harfordvotes.info. Tablet/computers can be set up to help people register on their website at in person events as well. Paper forms can be returned by the voter or by the volunteer. Make sure to put a (v) on the envelope if it is returned by the volunteer and (h) if collected at a high school location. If you physically have to assist someone to register, you need to fill out another form along with the other. Homeless people can register to vote as well; they can give a general indication of the area that they are spending time in. If it is past the registration day cut off, encourage voters to register during same day early voting or on election day, rather than sending in a form, or they may need to vote provisionally.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Bylaws Changes**

Barbara presented the wording for the inclusion of binary committee members to the By-Laws, which changes Section 3, Membership, A, B, C and D. The existing B and C will become E and F. We will vote on the changes at the next meeting in June.

#### **Manual of Operations**

Mike Ciufu presented the changes to the Manual of Operations that he had sent to us and we will vote on them at the next meeting.

#### **You Can Run Virtual Program**

A report was given on the outcome of the program on May 23rd. Approximately 50 people registered, 25 people attended to hear about 10 speakers. A dozen or so of the registrants indicated that they were interested in running for office. A motion was made by Suzanne to put the recording of the You Can Run program on the HCDCC website and seconded by Stephen. An objection was made to putting the full recording online and an amendment was offered to say that if you want to see the recording you can request it. A recording will be sent out to those who request it. The motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### **Candidate Resources**

Barbara offered the document with candidate resources including dates of training events and asked that it be made available to candidates as soon as possible on our website. She also brought up two other documents that will be sent out to the committee with tips and suggested guidelines for candidates to be voted on next time. The Document with dates for upcoming trainings will be sent out and people can vote yes or no to post on the website.

### **In-Person Meetings**

Denise said we could start meeting again in person. Carol said Denise can check for availability of meeting rooms at Medstar and she would check about Havre de Grace Colored School. Denise said Medstar might decline her request, so Carol should ask for information. Stephen said he can look into Edgewood Rec Center.

### **July 4th Parades**

HCDCC needs to decide if we are participating in Havre de Grace and/or Edgewood/Joppa's parades. Cordell said he would be the point person and organizer for Havre de Grace and Stephen would be point person and organizer for Edgewood.

### **Treasurer Vacancy**

Stephen nominated Mike Ciufu and Adam seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered. Mike Ciufu accepted the nomination. *Motion to accept Mike Ciufu as treasurer was made by Corell and seconded by Adam. Motion carried. Mike Ciufu is treasurer.*

Stephen said a financial committee is needed to audit the books before they are turned over to the new Treasurer. Rev. Hunter offered to be on the audit committee. Denise said she had a lot of work and did not have time to do it. Stephen wants it done by June 8th or 9th. Stephen was thanked for his service and Cordell suggested we give him a certificate of appreciation.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Carol said that letters of appreciation need to be sent out to those who participated in the virtual program. Stephen shared the sad news of Sharon Brachit's passing. Stephen also informed that the People with Disabilities (PWD) Diversity Council will have a meet and greet on June 15th via zoom. Denise encouraged everyone to remember those who served on Memorial Day and will be placing 500 flags and visiting AA churches to pay respect. There is an event in Aberdeen on Memorial Day. Zack will put a recognition of Memorial Day on the Website.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn made by Adam, seconded by Stephen. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.*