

FREDERICKSBURG DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 25, 2010

Call to order. by Harold Bannister, Chair at 7:00 pm. at CRRL Regional Library.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Election of New Members: Harold stated that the FDC and the membership within it exists for two years. Harold called for nominations to the FDC: Cathie Braman, Cynthia Brown, James Donald, Fred Kurth, Rob Tanner, Marguerite Young. Moved. Second. Pass. (MSP). Harold will send out the names on the membership list.
- B. Election of Treasurer. Fred stated that he is willing to serve until we find someone else. After discussion, Fred agreed to serve. MSP to accept nomination.
- C. Committee Appointments. Harold called for nominations for Chair and summarized the purpose of each committee:
  - a. Communications. Purpose: To develop the plan on what to advertise, all PR and announcements, such as "FDC meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday". Website is part of this committee. Maggie Sheffield suggested as Chair for consideration. Jan Eckhart is interested in being on the committee.
  - b. Events Chair. Judith Minoff volunteered to serve for the convention. MSP to accept nomination. Purpose: to develop the events plan, such as FDC presence when Senators Warner or Webb come to Fredericksburg, setting up 2-hour shifts at 4<sup>th</sup> of July booth, events associated with Congressional Race this year. Anne Little will help locate places for meetings. Judith volunteered her house for meeting place.
  - c. Membership. Purpose: Identify and recruit members. Judith will ask Walt Sheffield to see if he is interested. Walt is also the Parliamentarian.
  - d. Outreach. Purpose: Develop the plan and tasks associated with reaching core constituencies, including hosting events, recruiting,

attending other organizations meetings, such as NAACP. Will Salinger is interested in being on the committee but not chair.

i. \_\_\_ Business. Amy LaMarca has volunteered for Business Outreach, such as Women's Business Assn at the Chamber of Commerce.

ii. \_\_\_ Young Democrats CD

iii. \_\_\_ Women

iv. \_\_\_ Military Veteran

v. \_\_\_ Core Communities. Marguerite Young can help with American Red Cross, NAACP, the churches.

- e. 2010 Caucus by April 7 TBD. March 13, 2010, which is our next meeting, is the earliest to hold a caucus. The Jefferson-Jackson is March 20 so this date ruled out. MSP to meet 3-13-10. Firehouse caucus to determine internal method if we will open polls all day or just a meeting. Choice between Unassembled Caucus which is: open a box to come all day long to cast a vote. 6 am - 7 pm. Or the Assembled Caucus: you allow people to come in during a designated time. Perception is that one will vote for your candidate of choice on the first vote. Assembled chosen. MSP. Harold stated we will need 5 delegates and 2 alternates. 12 noon with location to be determined. Discussion- Better recruitment potential 3-27-10 but it is hard to find a meeting place in Fredericksburg on a Saturday. 9:00 -10:00 AM is the time for the public meeting. Then caucus will start at 11:00 AM. Rob said about 20-25 voters show up. Anne will check on room at library just to be sure. Pre-filing has to be done by delegate-candidates to provide enough time to verify that they are a voter. Rank and file do not pre-file. They can come in to vote for delegates. We can do one ad for all three localities to save. Harold will ask Amy, last year's FDC Chair, to verify methods: 1.- if we have to take out the ad anymore or if the DPVA now allows via email and 2.-In past, the delegate-candidates fill out a form and return it back to FDC Chair or Co-Chair. Anne, Co-Chair stated she will not be in town on 3-13-10 so she will not be available to accept the forms. Agreed to post the application on line. DPVA has a copy of it so just need to download it for the delegate form.

Question about the FDC website: "Do we have a website or not?"

Harold would like the seal on the FDC website to indicate that it is the correct and official one.

- f. 2010 Convention May 8, new Walker-Grant on Learning Lane. In cafetorium. Convention will start at noon. Have to be out by 5:30 pm. FDC will continue to look at who our keynote will be. Depend on the candidates to do most of the work, such as providing food as was done in Williamsbg. DPVA wants it to be low cost so Harold said no food. Harold sees this as a fundraiser but DPVA said keep it low cost. 250 people expected. In past Spotsy donated snack foods. One year pizza donated by a member. Package is still being planned. If we have a good speaker we could go to 300-400 people In that case, we will have to move venue but ok to do since school doesn't care if we break the contract. Encourage members to think of ideas to make it memorable. Costco run to buy in bulk? Water bottles and snacks? Judith will work with Anne on this food.
- g. Fundraising. We have \$790.31. \$180.00 still has to be paid out.
- h. Ward Captains. Following members usually associated with wards:  
Ward 1- Tres Seaver; Ward 2-Amy Lamarca and Scott Walker; Ward 3- Ron Smith; Ward 4A is Anne Little. Ward 4b is Walt Sheffield. We need a Ward 4- suggested Shirley Johnson. Scott, Harold and Anne will help put up the tents on Election Day to help the Ward Captains. Harold will give each Captain a budget to spend on an event like a BBQ or block party for \$50 - \$100. It is hoped that later maybe the campaigns will pick up these costs. Other example: Mark Melnick on Connell Street hosted an open house for State of the Union address.

## 2. REPORTS

### A. Committee Calendar. Keep it updated until Dec 2012.

Discussion on FDC meeting day. Wednesday or Saturday. Mentioned that long-time member Clyde Matthews is interested in Sat meetings. Sue will send out the next notice about the Sat meetings. Question about 'Meet up'. Go to Obama website and click link to the 'meet up' website. Anyone can host an event.

B. Treasurer's Report. Fred reported that the treasury is approximately \$1000. Doug Ferguson (Spotsy Dems) and Kandy Hilliard (Stafford Dems) have agreed to review the books for the audit. Anne and Sue will be the backup signatures for the BBT Bank. Only one signature is needed on a check but we need the backup of other signatures in case Treasurer is not

available to sign. Clarification that as soon as minutes MSP at 3-13-10 meeting, then Ann and Sue can add signatures at bank.

C. Chairs Report. None at this time.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update By-laws -Every member needs a copy of the by-laws. Within 90 days by-laws need to be approved and finalized.. For the next agenda, include "Approval of the by-laws". Rob said they were last approved 3 years ago. Walt will look at it and will present the bylaws and move the approval at the next meeting. Need to send out to membership list. Include in minutes: Membership dues are payable right away. Send \$20.00 to FDC's PO Box. 22401. Over at Park 'n Shop. Explanation that the \$10.00 paid at the Organizing meeting in January 2010 is a filing fee to sign up for the application and goes to DPVA but that it is not membership dues. \$20.00 membership dues goes to FDC. A small portion of dues goes to DPVA. Anne will investigate how to do Paypal online. Sue suggested Brown Bag tickets. She will check into this. Fred will stay after tonight's meeting to collect dues.

B. Short term Goals.

a. Federal PAC. No report.

b. State PAC. No report.

c. Identify training needs. No report.

d. Design Committee Logo/Branding: FDC needs a banner. James Donald does art work. He can provide 3 x 8 vinyl canvas banner for Fredericksburg Area Democrats for \$100.00. James will be asked to do a mockup in color.

C. Long Term Goals-did not discuss

D. Budget 2010-2012-did not discuss

Announcements. Campaign worker announced Crystal Ball's office is at 105 William St. Next to Virginia Deli. Campaign Literature distributed.

Next meeting Saturday, March 13, 2010. Adjournment: 8:15 pm adjourned. MSP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Sargeant,  
FDC Secretary