



DPVC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, May 23 2023

The Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Valencia County started at 6:20 pm on 23 May via Zoom. Persons attending were as follows: Summer Ludwig, Chair, George Colombo, Vice Chair, Marcos Balido, Ward Chair and Secretary, Jeff Anderson, Ward Chair, Lorraine Spradling, Ward Chair, Linda Guenley, Ward Chair, Michelle Tafoya, Ward Chair, Dave Fletcher, Ward Chair, Kathy McCord, Ward Chair and Dave Tynan, Ward Chair. Not present: Mike Melendez and Torres Leyba

The next executive committee meeting is June 13 at 6:00 pm. TBD whether it will be in person, hybrid, or just zoom.

1. First on the agenda was the budget update. Summer provided a background of recurring bills and a summary of monthly output and intake. We have \$1,604 in funds and approximately \$130 in monthly donations coming in at the moment.
2. DPVC Org Chart Update. Discussion about the search for a Treasurer and the duties of the Treasurer and Secretary being intertwined. Discussion was had about Ward Chairs getting their

nominees for CCC positions in their Wards to Summer by the 31 of May so we have time to have a conversation with them.

- a. Michelle Tafoya accepted the position of Treasurer and will be receiving training from Summer. Marcos and Michelle agreed that they could work together to help each other in their duties since they are intertwined and have reporting requirements they can both do.
- b. Dave Fletcher stepped up as Ward Chair for Highland Meadows and reports his shoulder is nearly healed. We are still searching for a Ward Chair for the position vacated by Lisa Chavez in Los Chavez.
- c. Several CCC positions are vacant in each Ward, names should be submitted to Summer by May 31st by the Ward Chairs.

3. Auxiliary Organizations.

Discussion was held about auxiliary organizations and the roles they play in the party, especially the newly named “Thinking Liberally” group that needs someone to run the meetings. Does one of the Ward Chairs want to run this meeting? The gist of this group would be to allow any Valencia Democrat to join in to provide ideas, volunteer, get out the vote, or or even train other people on their experiences and pump up the volume to get more people engaged with the party. Just a loose group of people having fun and maybe just getting their feet wet and figuring out where they can fit in our party. We would need a pretty liberal person to continue to run this group.

Lorraine Spradling provided some background about the Federation of Democratic Women and stressed that they have always worked with the Democratic Party to help get out the vote and fund candidate campaigns and they were hosting a state

meeting of Democratic Women soon. Much discussion about the Federation of Democratic Women's group and how the Party wants to always partner with them. The Women's Group has been a great help to the party over the years and we enjoy a wonderful relationship with them and hope to continue to do so.

4. Discord Channel, Email addresses and Business Cards. The Channel was recently set up for both general and executive committee chat. Some folks are using it, and it is a good tool to relay information in between monthly meetings. Ward Chairs were asked to set up their e-mail account for their constituents using the ward designation, DPVC, and gmail account. This will create an easy turnover for the next Ward Chairs and will be populated with all the e-mail addresses of folks in that specific ward.

5. Website Update - The website has been updated.

6. Committee Updates - Ward chairs were asked to look on the website and find committees they might want to chair.

7. Youth Voter Outreach was discussed.

8. Event Calendar . Summer will send out the event calendar soon. Discussion about the General Meeting place and time TBD, but the tentative date is set for June 20. Looking to do it in Bosque Farms.

9. Local elections:

- a. Data on voters - Kathy was asked to get Ward information off of vote builder and that was provided to Summer who will send each Ward their lists via e-mail as soon as possible.
- b. Several Ward Chairs are taking the T3 training. Comments in Discord.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.