



Democratic Party of Valencia County (DPVC)

Executive Committee

June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The DPVC Executive Committee meeting was called to order on June 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Members present were: Summer Ludwig, George Colombo, Linda Guenley, Torres Leyba, Dave Fletcher, Michelle Tafoya, Mike Melendez, Marcos Balido, and Lorraine Spradling. Not present: Kathy McCord

1. Reports:

- a. DPVC Budget report: Summer presented a run-down of the budget and the spreadsheet she has used and has forwarded it to both Marcos and Michelle for their use. Both are signed up for treasurer training on the 20th of June.**

b. DPNM County Plan: Summer received this comprehensive plan from the DPNM and we are asked to use it and refer to it often. Summer forwarded it to all Ward Chairs after the meeting. This report gives a detailed roadmap moving forward to get Democrats elected to office and help all who work in the party to have some information they can rely on.

2. Committees:

- a. Candidate Recruitment committee: Discussion was held about upcoming elections and recruiting candidates. Mike Melendez said he had been approached to run for a position on the Rio Communities City Council. Mike has run for office before and is willing to be on the Candidate Recruitment committee. Other committee members are George Colombo and Torres Leyba.**
- b. Communications Committee: Summer spoke to Jim Renshaw and Deirdre Velasquez who both agreed to be on the Communications committee. Other committee members include Linda Guenley, Jeffrey Anderson, and Kathy McCord**
- c. Fundraising & Events Committee: Linda Guenley is our lead. Linda asked for an events calendar in order to plan to table or attend important events. Summer said she**

would get that together.

- i. **Venues in Valencia County:** Michelle agreed to put a list together of possible venues or spaces to hold meetings or parties and also agreed to find a good price for pizza for our Member Meeting on the 20th. ****see the DPNM County plan for suggested events for us.**
- ii. **Members of the Fundraising & Events Committee are:** Linda Guenley, Michelle Tafoya, George Colombo, Bill Ludwig, and Summer Ludwig.

3. 2023 Municipal Elections: Summer was contacted by a gentleman potentially wanting to run for Rio Communities City Council, Randy Gettings is running for Belen City Council and Summer has been in communication with him. Sabrina Rael had expressed interest in running for Los Lunas Municipal judge.

4. Thinking Liberally: Brandon Norine has agreed to chair this zoom group, formerly known as Sunday Assembly/Think Tank. Their meetings will probably be on Thursdays. Summer has sent him a list of all the members who used to attend Think Tank. Watch your e-mail for your invite.

5. Fundraising/Budget: Discussion was had about our need to make money since our coffers are a little low. The upcoming flea market event should be able to cover the pizza costs for the general member meeting on the 20th. Several people have volunteered their time that day, and we just need to gather up some items for sale. We will have a booth at the Bosque Farms flea market on the 17th. Please ask around for donations and plan on letting Michelle know where she can pick them up before the 17th.

5. Next meeting: Our next meeting is June 13. Summer will post the agenda on the website along with the zoom invite.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.