



Democratic Party of Valencia County (DPVC) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The DPVC Executive Committee meeting was held on June 1st at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 7:25 pm. The committee will meet weekly until further notice on Tuesdays at 6:00, if possible. Members present were: Summer Ludwig, George Colombo, Linda Guenley, Torres Leyba, Dave Fletcher, Michelle Tafoya and Kathy McCord. Not present: Mike Melendez, Marcos Balido, Lorraine Spradling and Dave Tynan.

1. **Reports from other organizations:** Discussion was had and agreement was made to invite representatives from both the Federation of Democratic Women of Valencia County and the Young Dems to join in discussion and provide an overview of their activities at least once a month so we can reflect our shared vision to the membership at large. Our meetings are open to the public and minutes can be viewed on our website.
2. **Event Calendar:**
 - a. Discussion was held about having a fun, community building activity and consensus was a happy hour at a restaurant in Los Lunas on **Friday, the 9th of June at CuCos**. Summer will create a flyer and we will advertise on social media and our website.
 - b. **4th of July Parade:** Summer registered us for the Los Lunas Parade which will be on the 1st of July.
 - c. **Pride Parade:** Belen had something on the 24th, and the big one is in Albuquerque on the 10th. More information to come.
 - d. **Valencia County Fair & Rio Abajo Days** are in August/September

and we have time to discuss tabling and booths as those dates become known.

- e. All events will be placed on our calendar in the website for ease of our members.

3. **Fundraising Committee Report** - Linda Guenley gave a comprehensive run down on all the different types of fundraising events we could have.

- a. Silent Auction with a raffle for dinner with a Representative
- b. Dinner Theater event, possibly using the Mansion Players or other groups
- c. Karaoke night/Movie night
- d. Isotopes Game
- e. Discussion about having a yard sale. Michelle will send Summer the flyer of a
- f. local church who is offering \$25 tables at their rummage sale that is coming up soon.
- g. The Big Event: Masquerade Ball in October.

4. Our DPVC General Meeting is June 20 at the Bosque Farms Community Center. Summer has secured Tami Bryant, who will be speaking about the Rural and Veterans Caucuses and issues. Flyer attached.

5. **Outreach Efforts**

- a. Weekly updates via Discord: Simple rundown of what you did or that you made contact with someone interested in the party
- b. Check in to see what others are reporting

6. **Communications Committee** - Three people stepped up to be on the communications committee: Linda, Kathy, and Jeffrey. Summer would like to send out a weekly e-mail and a monthly newsletter. As well, anything to be put on the agenda for the weekly meetings should be sent to her by Saturday so she can create our agenda in time to satisfy requirements.

7. **Municipal Elections**

- a. Review open seats - each member should try and bring one name suggestion to meeting for a race. Discussion was had about quality of candidates and the need to recruit and retain for the long term.

- b. Candidate Recruitment Committee: George and Torres volunteered to be on this committee. Torres spoke about the need to also get young people involved and reiterated his idea about mentorship and the importance of showing them civic duties overall as well as having them go to various meeting and showing them the ropes about activism in general. Michelle spoke about sitting in

on judicial proceedings of our magistrate court judges and plans to sit in on Ms. Sichler's proceedings on the 6th and the 14th of this month.

c. Time frames and deadlines

- DPVC Web Store - Once t shirts are complete we'll have them for sell on our site.