



**Democratic Party of Valencia County (DPVC)**  
**Executive Committee**  
**June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The DPVC Executive Committee meeting was called to order on June 13, 2023 at 6:04pm.

**Members present were:** Summer Ludwig, George Colombo, Linda Guenley, Dave Fletcher, Michelle Tafoya, Kathy McCord, Marcos Balido, Lorraine Spradling and Jim Renshaw. **Not present:** Mike Melendez and Torres Leyba.

- 1. Reports from VCFDW & Young Dems:** Both the VCFDW and Young Dems were invited to this meeting today. No new reporting was forthcoming from the Young Dems and Summer reported of a meeting last Saturday that was held by the VCFDW where they identified three people to run for office in October: Stacy Ward for Vice Chair, and Valerie Salim-Meza and Annie Pincus as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Summer also reported that the VCFDW is planning on having a table in Belen for the August Summer Night Out event and the party can choose one of the other sites in Los Lunas or Tome to table there.
- 2. Introduce Jim Renshaw - Ward A Chair.** Jim Renshaw has come on board as the Ward A Chair; he replaces Dave Tynan. Jim volunteered to be on the Communications Committee and the Voter Registration committees. Welcome Jim!!
- 3. Committee Reports**
  - a. Fundraising & Events - Linda Guenley wanted to have a meeting to map out a strategy and mentioned the 29th or 30th as a possible date to get together with all the committee members. She will coordinate this via text.
  - b. Candidate Recruitment - George and Torres met and decided that Torres will chair this committee. Dave Fletcher and Kathy McCord both got e-mails from “Contest Every Race” and Kathy will follow up on what they have to offer.
  - c. Communications - Bill Ludwig is the Chair of this committee and discussion was had about possibly creating a TicTok.

- i. Summer has updated the website nicely.
    - ii. George spoke with our speaker for the general meeting and is about to launch his Podcast which will be made available on all platforms.
  - d. Voter Registration committee: Jim Renshaw joined Jayne and Linda on this committee.
  - e. Rules Committee: Dave Fletcher joined this committee and he joins Kathy McCord and Lydia Piro.
    - i. Discussion about the rules we develop not clashing with DPNM rules.
    - ii. Summer said she received the DPNM Code of Conduct draft rules today and would forward them to all of us after this meeting.
- 4. Outreach Efforts:**
- a. Drinking Democratically last Friday was a lot of fun. We will try and do it every other week, same time and place.
  - b. Pride Parade: Summer, Bill, and Marcos attended the Pride parade in Albuquerque last Saturday. It was joyful and uplifting!
  - c. Rally on Sunday: 8 people attended our Rally, organized by Deirdra Velasquez on Sunday. Michelle brought several signs and food for homeless persons and Linda picked up signs from Deirdra so we had plenty to choose from. Summer said she would like to do this on a weekly basis and that Deirdra and Brandon Norine will be coordinating helping homeless persons. Contact Deirdra or Summer if you want to help.
  - d. General Meeting is on the 20th. Please start reaching out to people to invite them.
  - e. Phone calls/canvassing -Summer reviewed the DPNM County plan with us regarding this outreach and went over the data.
  - f. Podcast - George Colombo
  - g. Additional updates - Open to EC Members
  - h. Yard Sale - Michelle spoke about changing the flea market sale to her home in order to spread out more and have a more comfortable spot to hold it. Folks should be at her house by 8:30 to help set out the tables. Michelle will advertise it on Craigslist and a couple of other local websites. Call Michelle if you have any items you want to donate. Summer, Dave, and Linda will be helping on Saturday.
- 5. Our next executive board meeting will be June 27, 2023.**
- 6. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.**