

Culpeper County Democratic Committee
General Membership Meeting
9 a.m. Nov. 1, 2025
Minutes

1. Call to Order, 9:30 a.m.
2. We had no first-time visitors.
3. The chair introduced Parliamentarian Randy Dunn and AV managers Jim Restel and Lori Huffman.
4. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Else, second Ed Dunphy.
5. The October minutes were approved unanimously (Roger Gorg, Carolyn Walker).
6. The Treasurer's Report was approved (Alison Howard Mike Cuccherini).
7. Chair's Comments, Mary Jo Monahan.
 - a. Mary Jo advised leaving "the path of rage" and taking heart in what we're doing to help offset SNAP benefit cuts in Culpeper.
 - b. The last day of early voting is today until 4:30 p.m. We'll be canvassing all weekend through Monday.
8. CCDC Biennial Reorganization, Carolyn Walker: CCDC will reorganize on Jan. 3, 2026. Doors open at 9 a.m., close at 10 a.m. for the reorganization and then the election of officers. Voting is open to those who have filled out a membership form, paid dues, and been certified by 10 a.m.
9. Anyone who is interested in running for local office should see Vice Chair Ed Dunphy.
10. Around the Piedmont, Vice Chair Dan Else: Piedmont committees cascaded No Kings Day rallies all day on Oct. 18. CCDC drew an estimated 300 people at HQ and 500 at Walmart with no incidents. The Fauquier County committee had a successful candidates' caravan through neighborhoods. Greene County tailored Pat Soler's Take 5 pamphlet for its use. The Lake of the Woods Democratic Club heard a talk on Cristian Nationalism by a retired minister. Rep. Eugene Vindman was in Madison for early voting. Orange County committee joined us at Walmart for No Kings. Sen. Mark Warner was in Fredericksburg for an ax-throwing fundraiser.

11. Events, Marilyn Dunphy: The election night party begins at 6:30 p.m. at HQ; pizza and salad will be ordered in, BYOB. Donated coats will be distributed Nov. 15 at the USDA food drive
12. Sara Ratcliffe, candidate for delegate, HD62: 15,000 early votes had been cast in District 62 by Oct. 31, more than 50 percent of the anticipated turnout. The campaign has knocked on 10,000 doors, made 4,000 phone calls, sent 20,000 mailers, and aired radio and TV spots. We have 80 hours to go. “Thanks for being with me on this very long road.”
13. Vice- Chair Precinct Operations, Joseph Smith: We need door-knockers today, poll-sitters on Nov. 4. Dress for cool weather, bring light, food, coffee, yellow jackets for visibility.
14. Carolyn led a rousing chorus of her Election Countdown Finale Song to the tune of 99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall: Three more days til we vote the in the fall!
15. Adjourn 10:30 a.m. (Jim Restel, Mike Cuccherini)

Next Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025