

Fredericksburg Democratic Committee

Reorganization Caucus

CRRL-Downtown Library

January 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Scott Walker reviewed the rules for the meeting. He is the appointed temporary chair so he makes the call to order. Then we elect new officers and the meeting is turned over to the new officers who then conduct the first meeting of the FDC.

Amy LaMarca moved to adopt the agenda. MSP (moved, seconded, passed)

Scott stated that there are four officers to elect.

Call for nominations:

Motion to nominate for chair of city committee? Amy nominated Harold Bannister as Chair. No other nomination for chair. Close. Vice chair? Harold moved to nominate Anne Little. No other nomination. Nomination closed.

Ron Smith moved to nominate Sue Sargeant as Secretary. No other nomination. Close. Nominee for Treasurer? Ron asked if anyone had heard from Fred Kurth, Treasurer, because he is at the mosque on Wed night. Scott attempted to call and left messages. Volunteers or nominees. Hearing none. Abeyance. Conclude.

No competition for officers. Move by acclamation.

Announcement: Shirley Johnson mentioned that 2nd Sunday in Feb at New Hope Summit Crossing, 22408, Speakers Senator Houck, Marci Catlett, Fredericksburg City Schools and Dr. Brenda Seals of Spotsylvania Co Schools. All are invited.

Amy read out names of those who had submitted membership forms as of this evening as well as those who had pre-filed (but not in attendance) for a total of 28. Scott moved to suspend the rules. MSP. Motion to adopt to elect the 28 people onto the committee. MSP. Tres Seavermoved that that we adjourn the caucus. MSP.

Notes taken by:

Sue Sargeant

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Harold, as the newly elected Chair welcomed all to the first meeting of the committee. This is an interesting year because of the First Congressional campaign. Need to grow the committee. Harold is limited as Chair in asking for money because of the Hatch Act prohibiting him. Treasurer has to be able to ask for the money. FDC needs a **Treasurer**. It has to be someone who is not prohibited by employment or position. Harold asked for names. He will ask Barbara Font.

Add to Agenda for next meeting: Electing a treasurer

Bill Hatch welcomed back from Alaska.

Anne Little, Vice Chair said that FDC needs to set calendar dates . Are we meeting on Wed or Saturdays?

Harold said that FDC will meet as the entire organization but not monthly. Instead there will be smaller meetings throughout the year, in subcommittee and in wards. Increase role of ward captain. Harold needs help to find volunteers=ward captain. Not just someone on Election day.

We need to wait to see how we are going to elect a congressional candidate. In primary or convention firehouse caucus? Usually held on a Sat.

Followup question from Tres re: next meeting date and why not monthly. Harold would prefer that if we go to a monthly meeting that we tie it in with regional meetings so that we can bring in new members who come out to see a regional speaker (heavily advertised) like Senator Houck.

Ron provided Harold with a contact list of the names of the new officers of Stafford DC.

Motion made to set next meeting date. As Wed, April 7. No second.

Discussion from members: We want to meet before then because it is too late to wait until April 7. Member stated that FDC needs to **set a regular pattern to its meetings**. If every month is too frequent, then go to every other month. Members called out dates for Wed in February and set 2/10/10 at 7:00 in library as next meeting. FDC has not decided yet if meet on Wed or Saturdays.

Amy said that we should have good numbers and emails if every one filled out a form today. Harold will put out an **agenda on the webpage**.

New business for next meeting: Electing a treasurer; Setting calendar; Identifying events FDC participating in. Shirley moved to adjourn . Second Ron. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Sargeant, Secretary