

RCDC Virtual General Meeting 12-December 2020

On ZOOM

- 10:00 Various people showed up on screen and worked on synchronizing electronically. As people showed up, we expressed relief that the Supreme Court came through by not accepting another lawsuit that was filed to overturn the election
11 members were present. Total 18 people present.
- 10:03 Meeting called to order by Mary-Sherman Willis. [0:04:19 in sound file]
- 10:04 Approval of the Agenda – motion was made, seconded and approved.
- 10:05 Treasury has approximately \$1,700 in the account, after \$2,000 sent to Stacey Abrams' Fair Fight Campaign, which is a hybrid super PAC. We are in the midst of the Christmas Auction, which is scheduled to end at 8 PM this evening, 12-Dec.
- 10:06 Some of our members expressed difficulty with accessing the online auction. The difficulty appears to be browser dependent. For some reason, the auction wouldn't take the bid. This is also a function of Better World's website programming, which requires a bidder to set up an account, replete with password, email, payment information and agreement to the site's irritating conditions of access. One member jumped through all these hoops and still encountered rejection of her bid. The Chrome browser had issues, whereas Safari browser worked. Perhaps Better World's site is run by some sort of Apple computer?
- 10:08 Ron Goodman reported on the Georgia runoff election. He expressed his frustration with the Democratic Party of Virginia [DPVA] administration, relative to helping the Georgia Democratic Party with a donation from our committee. Regulations do not limit us, in this regard, as opposed to direct contributions to candidates, which each have a \$5,000 limit. This year is such a non-standard year, Ron expressed his bewilderment and frustration with reaching someone who could help with this. DPVA seems to be stuck on standard operating procedure and precedent. Others of us joined in the discussion. Mary-Sherman mentioned that she contacted Irv Woods about campaigns. The Fauquier Dems Committee has a very meticulous treasurer who knows all the ins & outs of the regulations of the FEC.
- 10:20 Further discussion of the auction and how we might extend the reach of emailing and FaceBook as well as inviting friends and neighbors to join in on the auction.
- 10:21 Praise for and discussion of horseback rides sponsored by Jana and Melissa. We discussed procedure for possibly increasing number of such rides available, considering how popular this is.
- 10:28 Discussion of Georgia runoff election enthusiasm and Stacie Abrams' campaign efforts, especially with the Latinas. Of course, Georgia persists with its voter suppression, in various ways. In spite of this, their campaign is getting out the vote.

We discussed the robotic nature of the Republican candidates and leaders, seeming to shut down their brains and repeating various lying mantras dictated to them by their leaders. Next year, Weibert's seat is up for grabs and, currently, we have no candidate. We need a candidate who doesn't look like talk like us, since granola-eating, backpack-wearing, well-educated erudite speaking people don't have any allure to the people of this region. We need someone who comes across as redneck, military, gun-toting, camouflage-wearing, hard ass, blue-dog, rural roots, very moderate, Democrat who can appeal to rural people by talking about things that interest them. Cliff Miller Jr., Irv Wood and Max Hall were mentioned, as possibilities. We discussed the upcoming redistricting.

- 10:43 The discussion shifted focus to January. Our first meeting will be January 9th. Sam Rasoul, a Virginia delegate from Roanoke, who is running for Attorney General, will speak to us. Herring will run, again. Also, Dr. Cameron Webb will speak to us, then. He intends to continue building his grass-roots organization.
- 10:47 Sharon Kilpatrick asked if we plan to have another yard sale, as she was accumulating things for it. That remains uncertain, until most of us have been vaccinated.
- 10:48 We expressed some laments about the irresponsible behaviors about certain medical practices in our county, regarding mask-wearing.
- 10:53 We discussed having a bonfire for Inauguration Day, 20-January. The actual Inauguration Ceremony is planned to be mostly virtual, given the pandemic. Then, we offered various ideas, but, ultimately, decided that this would be better done virtually, because of the impression it might make, if there were that many of us gathered in one place, given the pandemic, despite masks and distancing. We formed a committee, to further discuss this.
- 11:00 Mary-Sherman made a motion to do the celebration. Further discussion and alternative methods were offered. Such an event would be a closed, invitation event. The committee could offer the results of their discussion, at the 9-January General Meeting. Kit, Suzanne, MS and Ken formed the committee.
- 11:08 Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved.