

**New Kent County Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2016**

In attendance:

- Christine Williams
- Richard Williams
- Houston Gray
- Selena Gray
- Bob Jeremiah
- Susan Moon

- I. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Old Business
  - a. Approval of the Minutes from June 14, 2016 Meeting
    - i. Houston Gray moved to approve the minutes as recorded
    - ii. Bob Jeremiah seconded the motion.
    - iii. The motion was approved without objection.
  - b. Update from Treasurer
    - i. Susan Moon reported that the balance continues to be \$1,843.84.
    - ii. Susan reported two expenditures to be paid this week:
      1. Reimbursement to Richard & Christine of \$55.00 for the booth, table & web advertisement for the New Kent County Fair. We will wait on reimbursement until after the fair and all bills are in so we can consolidate expenses & payments.
      2. Payment to renew the committee's P.O. Box - \$66.00 for the year.
        - a. Houston Gray moved that we pay the annual fee for the P.O. Box.
        - b. Selena Gray seconded the motion.
        - c. The motion was approved without objection.
- III. New Business
  - a. Election of a new Vice Chair/Secretary to replace outgoing vice chair/secretary, Christine Williams
    - i. No nominations were received in response to Christine's request for nominations ahead of the meeting.
    - ii. The Chair asked for nominations from the floor.
    - iii. Bob Jeremiah offered to serve as Secretary.
    - iv. The Chair asked for a motion.
      1. A motion was made by Susan Moon to elect Bob as Vice Chair/Secretary.
      2. Selena Gray seconded the motion.
      3. The motion was approved without objection.

- v. No one was willing to volunteer to serve as Vice Chair. For the moment that position will remain unfilled.
    - b. Volunteer Staffing for the New Kent County Fair on August 12, 13, & 14.
      - i. The Chair reported that the NKCDC application for booth space, a table, and web advertising for the NK County Fair was accepted by the Fair Committee.
      - ii. That means we now need volunteers to staff the booth as the Fair rules stipulate that all booths must be staffed during all hours of the fair.
      - iii. The Chair passed a volunteer sign up sheet around. Volunteer times are broken down into two hour blocks and we need two volunteers during each block of time. Fair set up is Friday, August 12 from 12-4 p.m. Fair hours are Friday, August 12 from 5-9 p.m., Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Sunday, August 14 from 12-6 p.m.
      - iv. Susan Moon asked about what we should do to attract people to the booth.
        - 1. Suggestions were balloons (two different shades of blue or blue & white), table cloth
        - 2. Susan volunteered to bring folding chairs for those staffing the booth.
        - 3. Susan suggested maybe getting candy & water. She can send her husband to Costco.
        - 4. Bob will pick up little water bottles.
        - 5. Susan will order the whistle pops.
        - 6. Richard & Christine will draft some sort of a flyer about the NKCDC that can be distributed.
        - 7. Richard will investigate pricing and purchase of a NKCDC banner/foldable sign that can be used at the fair and other events.
        - 8. The committee had previously approved spending up to \$250 toward the fair.
- IV. Questions, Comments, or other Business from the Committee?
- a. The Chair asked for any other comments, questions, or other business.
    - i. Richard Williams raised the question of how we might be able to reach younger people who have an interest in the committee.
      - 1. Bob Jeremiah suggested seeing if we can find out who from New Kent County was supporting Bernie Sanders.
        - a. Richard will check with Pierson Cost to see if the Combined Campaign is able to get the names and contact information of Bernie's supporters in NKC.
      - 2. Richard & Susan raised the question of how to get information into the community college.

- b. Hearing no other comments, questions, or concerns, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - i. Bob Jeremiah moved to adjourn the meeting.
  - ii. Susan Moon seconded the motion.
  - iii. The motion passed without objection.
- V. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING opposition to the proposed Constitutional Amendment on right to work.**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's Constitution is a sacred document that does not need to be changed; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment is the latest move in an ongoing trend to attack the middle class and stifle workers' voices on the job; and

**WHEREAS**, these laws already give multi-national corporations more power to outsource jobs, cut wages, and reduce benefits at the expense of our workers, small businesses, and the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment is a waste of time and public resources, including more than \$130,000 of taxpayer funds, that would be better spent addressing real issues throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, state legislators should focus on policies that support vital services in our communities, fund our schools, create good jobs, fix our crumbling infrastructure, raise wages, and protect hardworking Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, business and labor should work together to create good jobs and improve the economy, and avoid distraction by special interest groups that seek to minimize the ability of Virginia workers to improve their economic status and deny economic opportunities to the middle class; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective bargaining rights of workers should be protected; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, the New Kent County Democratic Committee expresses its opposition to amending the State Constitution of Virginia to include the right to work statute, on the basis that it is unnecessary, wastes taxpayer dollars, undermines the promotion of fair labor practices, and detracts attention and resources away from policies designed to support working families and our local communities.

Adopted: June 14, 2016 by unanimous consent