**Minutes, 6th Congressional District Democratic Committee**

 **Meeting, 7 p.m., October 15, 2013**

**Howard Johnson’s Motor Inn, Lexington VA**

Present: Elaine Owens, Tom McGrath, Sandra Price-Stroble, Bill Ney, Linda Shuler, Peggy Raines, Ron Good, Linda Good (guest), JoeSkovira (guest), Cliff Garstang, Laura Kleiner, Howard Brown, Tom Mall, Warren Campbell, Dan Sullivan, Elise Dee Beraru, Joe Fitzgerald, Deb Fitzgerald (guest), Dorothy Blackwell, Gary Crawford, Rodney Browne.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Joe Fitzgerald. The committee approved the minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting and the September 28, 2013 meeting.

2. Treasurer’s Report:

The treasurer reported that the committee had in the state account. (*NOTE: The final minutes presented at the next meeting will contain the exact amount.)*

3. There was no report from the Fundraising Committee.

4. The Convention Planning Committee has posted for committee members documents on Google Drive related to the 2014 convention, fundraising, facilities requirements, and draft copies of documents on local committee reorganization. Information on reorganization will be sent after the election.

5. 6th District YD’s:

Mid-Atlantic YD’s are coming to Virginia to assist with GOTV for the campaigns. Efforts will mainly be focused on NoVA. YD’s have been very active in registering voters and canvassing for the election, the Chair noted.

6. Reports by DPVA committees:

*Outreach (Linda Shuler):* The committee reviews and interviews potential caucuses for inclusion on the DPVA Central Committee. This year, the Disabled Caucus and the Asian Caucus were added to the Central Committee.

*Resolutions (Elise Dee Beraru):* Before the September Central Committee meeting, the Resolutions Committee went through 25-30 possible resolutions. Five were sent to the Central Committee. One of the five, relating to education, was passed over by the Central Committee for a rewrite.

*Communications (Dan Sullivan):*  The committee has not met yet. Dan offered to collect local committee information, but he would like to know who owns the domains. Dan also wants to put together information on the VAN with Dave Lightman. Local committees need to have someone in charge of and comfortable with technology to take full advantage of the VAN.

*Business (Bill Ney):* NoVA is promoting a business caucus there.

7. Unfinished Business:

The Chair reported that 7 barn signs are out in the district, as well as the campaign yard signs that were sent to local committees.

8. New Business:

The Chair reported on the action of the DPVA Steering Committee in September. The committee cleaned up the Party Plan regarding public notification about local committee reorganizations. Using electronic means to communicate the information will save local committees money that was previously spent on newspaper ads. The action of the Steering Committee clarified exactly how local committees could meet the public notification requirement.

The next meeting of the 6th District Democratic Committee will be held November 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Blue Ridge Community College, Weyer’s Cave VA.