

Spotsylvania County Democratic Committee
General Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025

Jeffrey Kent • Chair
Debra Aldrich • Vice Chair



Candace Macken PhD • Secretary
Pat Carl • Treasurer

Meeting location: Salem Branch Library, 2607 Salem Church Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The Vice Chair recognized the following distinguished guests and elected officials: Mr Forrest Miller, candidate 63rd House District; Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors candidates Mr Marcus Garcia, Lee Hill District, and Mr Baron Brasswell, Battlefield District; Mr Dan Else, Vice Chair for Intra Party Coordination; Ms Dawn Shelley, former Spotsylvania County School Board member; Mr Michael Bush, former Vice Chair SCDC; Ms Gail Tedesco and Ms Anne Moore representing Ms Nicole Cole, candidate 66th House District; Dr Carol Medawar, Spotsylvania County School Board Courtland District; and Dr James King, candidate Spotsylvania County School Board Battlefield District.

Three new members were approved by membership.

The following events were highlighted:

9/18 Candidate Forum for Board of Supervisors, Berkeley District. Ms Nilofer Garza will be speaking.

9/19 Early Voting begins

10/11 Collis-Warner Pig Roast

10/18 No Kings Rally

10/18 & 10/25 (tentative) SCDC Weekend of Action

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The NAACP will be sponsoring two candidate forums. The first is on September 29 and features School Board and Board of Supervisors candidates. A second forum is scheduled for October 13 and features state-level candidates. More information on this and other sponsored events can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/SpotsylvaniaBranchNAACP/>.

The Stafford Dems Fall Fundraiser will take place on October 17. Invited guests include Sen Mark Warner, Rep Eugene Vindman, and Attorney General candidate Mr Jay Jones. Ticket information may be found at <https://spotsydems.com/event/stafford-dems-fall-fundraiser-2/>.

August General Meeting Minutes were approved by membership.

Treasurer's Report September 2025

Deposits	
Dues	25
Donation	25
Pizza/Trivia	321
Total Deposits	\$371

Expenditures	
Storage Unit	68
SCDC Promotional Gear	316
Canopies/Chairs	413
"Speed Dating" Event	150
Ice Cream Social	46
Campaign Contributions	3,012
Total Expenditures	\$4,005

In-kind donations from January to June amounted to \$1,382.66. Food bank donations year-to-date included 678 pounds of food and a \$40 cash donation.

The Treasurer invited Ms Dominique Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator, and Mr Gene Welch, Chief Resource Officer, of the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank to speak about community service opportunities open to SCDC. Interested persons or groups may volunteer for any of three service activities including mobile distribution, food box assembly, or collecting and delivering food. Volunteer registration and scheduling volunteer hours may be completed online at <https://fredfood.org/>.

Ms Jaimie Ashton announced that there will be a dedication of the new memorial park that commemorates Spotsylvania County students who lost their lives due to violence, accidents, or natural causes. The park is located in front of the Spotsylvania County School Board building.

The Vice Chair provided an update on Contest Every Race (CER) grant activity. Thanks to the grant, which was used to defray expenses from the July fundraiser, all of the proceeds from the fundraiser were distributed to candidates. Since the grant requires that CER-related activities are appropriate for all voters, activities for people with limited mobility were spotlighted (distribution, postcards, and phone banking). Information on poll observer and voter protection training was provided.

Standing Committee progress reports were delivered by the respective chairs or their representatives.

- ✓ The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers to staff and support activities.
- ✓ Co-chairs of the Fundraising Committee announced a chili cook-off fundraiser at Todd's Tavern November 15.
- ✓ Precinct Operations announced that a precinct operations training is scheduled for September 27.
- ✓ The Technology/Communication Committee reported that social media engagement numbers increased across all platforms.
- ✓ The Social Committee chair reported on its activities.
- ✓ The Membership Committee stated that the current membership role has reached 123 persons.

A Volunteer of the Month citation was awarded to Ms Cynthia Ramsey.

The floor was opened to candidates and attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Macken PhD
Secretary