

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 9/3/20

Time: 7pm

Location: discord call in

Chair: Mitch K.

Secretary: Sarah D.

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Quorum: The secretary announced that the following members, constituting a quorum, were present at the meeting:

- **Present:** Mitch, Gaby, Katherine, Sarah, Ryan, Joseph (later)
- **Absent:** Eric, T., YDSA rep, Chris (on leave)
- **Also present:**

Proceedings:

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by [*Member*], seconded, and approved.
- The minutes from the prior meeting dated X were distributed prior to the meeting and a reading was dispensed with. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by [*Member*], seconded, and approved.
- **Reports:**
 - **Chair:** Had a call with Katie from Chattanooga DSA for leadership/mentorship. Every 2 weeks, there will be a call
 - **Secretary:** no report
 - **Treasurer:** \$6,142.42 currently in chapter funds
 - **Fredericksburg:** absent
 - **YDSA:** absent
 - **Communications:** no report
 - **Electoral:** absent
 - **Membership:** on leave
 - **Mutual Aid:** no report
 - **Outreach:** no report
- **Business:**
 - **Next General Meeting:** General Meetings feel like we are talking at people or dragging them to a conversation. It would be good to have visual elements, programming, structure (less open-ended). If we don't have explicit business to bring to Chapter, should we still have a General Meeting? Should we have in-person General Meetings again? Previously, there were security concerns about having it outdoors, but those concerns have lessened. Mitch will do an @everyone to ask Membership for input about General Meetings.
 - **Vin K. as HGO:** Since we are not currently sure when next General Meeting will be, we will vote here to appoint Vin.

- *It is resolved* that Vin K. is appointed as interim-HGO until such time as a vote can be held on the matter at a General Meeting.
 - Nathan A. proposed we donate \$50 to Omari's legal defense. Treasurer confirmed it was sent.
 - *It is resolved* that Richmond DSA donate \$50 to Omari Al-Qaddafi's legal defense fund.
 - **Steps for Joseph and Nicks campaigns:** Austin said yesterday National wants to set up a call with Joseph and Nick regarding National endorsement. Mitch will talk with Joseph, Nick, and National to coordinate the phone meeting. Joseph's campaign needs and phonebankers and door-to-door canvassers. Best way to do that is the Get Involved page on <https://www.joseph4seven.com/>
 - **Bylaws Revisions:** Subcommittee met. We have 3 models proposed that are relatively similar: Kat's, Alex's, and Eric's. All use at-large system for Steering seats. We also want to reform the structure of Committees. One idea is to have 2 members per Committee who would also be in Steering. Another is that Steering members would liaise between Committees and Steering. For both, emphasis is more on direct communication between Committees and Steering without Committee chairs being obligated to be involved in Steering.
- **Open Discussion:** Should we start having in-person Steering Meetings? Katherine and Mitch---yes. Sarah: only willing to attend if masked and outside, but I may have to call in anyway due to work schedule. Joseph: will have trouble making in-person meetings due to all that's going on. Zoom meeting is an option that allows for face-to-face, but is time/place flexible. And we could post the link in Discord so Membership can attend. Mitch will ask in #steering to get input from Steering members not in attendance here.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at [Time].

Secretary