Pebble Creek Democratic Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2026

- **President Barber called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. All Board members except the Vice President (excused) were present, as were the chairs of the Program, Veterans Services, Communications and Membership Committees. In addition, the upcoming election's nominee for Secretary, Maureen McCann, and the incoming Program Committee chair, Jerry McMahon were present. The President thanked everyone for attending the rescheduled meeting. Social Committee Chair Frankie Veltri had submitted her report to the President in advance of the meeting.**

- **Additions to the Agenda: None**
- **Minutes from last Board and Club Meetings are on the club website. Contact the Secretary for additions or corrections.**

- **Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian – Financial Report**
  - September 2026 Financial Report was previously distributed. Barbara moved, Vicki seconded approval of the report – motion carried.

1. **Committee Reports:**
   a. **Program Committee: – Charlotte Krause Chair**

      i. November 4 – Bryan Langley, Goodyear City Manager, confirmed We also hope this will be a post-election celebration. The club may provide a cake or some other treat to celebrate that the election is over and hopefully we are successful.

      ii. December 2 – The Board discussed having an election rehash – accomplishments, lessons learned and a game plan for the prep for the 2027-2028 period leading up to the November, 2028 presidential election. If it appears the 2026 election might be challenged by the President, we should consider having a speaker to address what the ramifications of that would be and what the options are for the Democrats.

      iii. January 6 – The Election for the 2027 Club officers will be held, and perhaps the club survey, if we don't have time at the December meeting. There was also a reference to linking up the timing to the LD 29 leadership turnover.

iv. February 3 – Judy Hart is handling the speakers from the community service organizations the Club serves, including those served by the Veterans Service Committee, specifically LAFB.

b. Social Committee – Frankie Veltri

i. October 22 – Welcome Back Gathering, potluck at Oasis Pool, 40 signed up, starts at 4:30 p.m., bring appetizers.

ii. Nov. 6 – Diamonds & Denim Dinner Dance, Tuscany Falls Ballroom, 84 reservations to date, starts at 5:30 p.m., raffle, giveaways, wine and chocolate.

iii. Nov. 14 – Veterans Celebration, Baboo's Restaurant, 32 veterans and their spouses and Board members, starts at 11:30 a.m.

c. Political Committee – Marsha Wallick Chair

i. No report but the list of activities completed to date is very long:
Letter to Independents – 600 mailed
Phone banking and text banking
Canvassing inside and outside Pebble Creek

ii. Bob Wiedower supplied the following numbers of accomplishments for LD 29:

Lit Drops	6,409
Bulk Mail	3,616
1st Class Postage	3,438
Hand Address	240
Addtnl Bulk Mail	4,212
Total	17,915

(The additional Bulk Mail came about once the Guides were purchased and we realized we had more money in the budget for additional mailings).

iii. Still doing phone banking, poll observations but have also started working on helping cure ballots.

iv. It is clear we need better communication between our schedules activities and the staffing on the campaigns

v. Vicki noted that the voter guides created by the MCDP were not particularly useful and that we had a number left over. They did not explain how to use the QR code, instruct the reader to vote up and down the ballot, address the judges on the ballot or the school district overrides, or the LD elections, so voters were not fully prepared..

vi. **No Kings Rally October 17** – Vicki reported that GATHER is not planning on hosting the event, per Sandy Robinson. Activities will

focus on GOTV, rather than encouraging specifically Democrats and those intending to vote Dem to GOTV. In addition, the LAFB activity is the same day.

d. Membership – Sheryl Archer Chair

i. Sheryl reports we are still getting new members and that she expects that the election will encourage an increase in membership

e. Community Outreach – Judy Hart Chair

- Will handle the February 2027 meeting program

f. Communication – Kirk Brown Chair

i. Has already done a story on the Denim and Diamonds Dinner Dance, but will consider a follow-up with photos.
ii. Will do a story on the LAFB Deployment event. Bob has the photos and will provide the data and highlights.

g. Veteran Services – Chuck Veltri Co-Chair (not present), Bob Wiedower Co-Chair

i. Tammy thanked Bob for cutting the turfs for the distribution of the voter guides/lit drops.
ii. October Operation Kids – October 17, simulation of deployment processes for kids at Luke AF Base. Hugely successful event.
iii. Nov/Dec Community of Caring – Lattie Coor – the program will be updated at the November meeting. Only have about 60 kids remaining to have gifts purchased for, and the November meeting should resolve that. Please have the gifts ready/delivered to a meeting or Bob or Chuck by early December.
iv. Status of Armed Forces Plaza at Eagle's Nest – Pavers. The Veterans' pavers are in and will be installed next Thursday, 10/29 at 8:00 am at the Veterans Plaza in Eagles Nest. Patti has invited whomever we want to bring to come to the installation and a small celebration after. Chuck and Bob will be there; the Board was also invited. Please let Vicki know if you will attend.
v. Bob called out Charlotte to recognize for her incredible efforts in support of Getting Out the Vote. Babysitting all the activities and various groups and events, as well as getting 18,000 voter guides distributed! Great work, Charlotte! Vicki seconded the accolades and Thanked Everyone for stepping up! She stressed the effectiveness of all our Club and LD engagement.

2. LD 29 Update –

- Now doing Ballot Curing through November 8.

- Charlotte was on a Zoom meeting with Adrian last Monday. He said that there were only about a 500-count difference between Independent and Democrat ballots and those cast by Republicans, so please encourage everyone to Get Out and Vote – ASAP.
- The November 18 LD 29 meeting will be reorganization meeting for the LD, which will need a new treasurer, among other officers, as her role will be changing. PCs need to be there because a quorum is necessary to conduct business.

3. **New Business**
    - **a.** Do we want to do the Survey again? We did it last in 2023, and keeping the same questions and format would allow easy comparisons and analysis. We agreed to distribute it electronically and ask folks to return it that way if they wanted to fill it out on line. If not, they can print it out, fill it in at home or at the December or January meeting (whichever is selected) and return it then. It was suggested that we add a summary type question: "Is there anything we did not ask that you would like us to know?" The suggestion met with agreement by the Board.
    - **b.** Jerry McMahon told the Board he was looking forward to a smooth transition for the Program Committee responsibilities.
    - **c.** Maureen McCann told the Board she was looking forward to being part of the Club leadership.
    - **d.** Bulletin Board concept on website – more details needed. Will be brought up when John is in attendance to discuss it.
4. **Old Business – none noted**
5. **Next Board Meetings:**
    - No November board meeting (Thanksgiving week)
    - December Leadership Luncheon/Meeting: The December board meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, at 10:30am, at Vicki's home. We will need to meet for the slate and other club election matters as well as to wrap up the year. The meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon, organized by Barbara.
6. **Adjourn: 10:10 am**

Respectfully submitted,

Alisa Sparkia Moore, Secretary