

RUTLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES ***Monday, October 2, 2017

The meeting of the Rutland County Democratic Executive Committee was held on Monday, October 2, in the Conference Room of Chair Chris Larson's Office. The meeting was called to order by Chris Larson at 5:05 p.m. Present were Chris, Guest Liz Filskov, Cedelle Sirjane, Scott Garren, Julian Fenn, Heather Juliussen-Sevenson, Eugenia Cooke, and Barbara Foley.

The Caucus will take place on Saturday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m. in Rooms A & B at the Leahy Center of the Rutland Regional Medical Center. Cedelle and Chris will send out the email invite. Julian will email new town chairs and delegates to welcome and invite them to the caucus. The caucus will take place first and then adjourn. At that point the new chair will conduct the first meeting of the new County Committee. Chris will invite T J Donovan to attend and ask the VDP to invite Beth Pearce, Doug Hoffer, and Jim Condos. One-quarter of members is a quorum. Yellow cards for voting will be given to delegates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Scott Garren moved (seconded by Julian Fenn) to approve the Secretary's Report. The motion PASSED.

STATE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Garren and Julian Fenn reported that the VDP is \$53,000 in the red. Only \$800 is received as recurring donations. Faisal Gill believes the VDP has too much staff. Faisal and staff and establishment are in conflict. The Bylaws Committee is trying to work out a controversy dealing with having the Executive and Financial people also on the Committee making for a conflict of interest. This committee is also working on a statement dealing with the Democrat/Progressive dilemma. Chris will invite Faisal to speak to these items at our next meeting.

RUTLAND HALLOWEEN PARADE: Heather suggested the theme of Freedom and Unity using an Eagle as the main piece leading the walkers. Everyone agreed. Walkers should bring wrapped candy to hand out. It would be nice to also hand out small flags. Heather and Scott will work to get other groups to join us.

TINMOUTH DINNER: This potluck dinner is a social event more than a fundraising event although the committee hopes not to lose money. Barbara will contact the Tinmouth Community Center to reserve Sunday, November 12 from 5 to 8. The rental fee is usually \$100. Heather will work on decorations. Derek will reach out to Marcy Tanger who has coordinated this event in the past. The Committee will need to purchase ham(s) for this event. There is usually an apple pie contest. Someone needs to contact Patti Lancaster who has been in charge of the kitchen in the past. State Democratic officers and legislators need to be contacted to serve the dinner.

FUNDRAISING LETTER: Chris and Julian will work on this year's fundraising letter and will get committee together to write personal messages before the mailing.

MISCELLANEOUS: Heather reported that Castleton University will be presenting a DREAMER'S Panel in the future. Sanjukta Ghosh is in charge. More information will be forthcoming when the panel is finalized.

Julian talked with Brandon of the VDP about the towns that have not organized as yet. Derek will work on Poutney again. Liz Filskov volunteered to help Derek organize Poutney. Other towns may organize at any point when they get at least three people together. Julian will do outreach to those towns not organized.

Cedelle Sirjane withdrew from the slate of officers for the County. Scott Garren moved (Seconded by Derek Gavelis) to replace Cedelle as Alt. 2 with Liz Filskov. The motion PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Barbara G. Foley, Recording Secretary