

RUTLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Rutland County Democratic Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Eugenia, at Ann Clark, Ltd. Attendees: Eugenia Cooke, Scott Garren, Liz Filskov, Mary Droege, Mary Mellow, Heather Juliussen-Stevenson and Kathy Hall.

The Executive Committee voted to accept Julian Fenn's resignation as Chair. The Executive Committee voted to appoint Heather interim Chair until the January 2019 County meeting.

Eugenia to send Heather the confirmation for the January 2019 County meeting. Heather to give Eugenia the name tags and the checklist for confirming quorum. Heather to send the Executive Committee the list of the delegates to the County to make phone calls to ensure that we have quorum for the January meeting. Heather to contact Cedelle to send the email invitation for the meeting once we confirm the start time of the meeting, and then one week ahead of time. The invitation will indicate that:

The Chair has stepped down; Heather Juliussen-Stevenson has been appointed the interim Chair and will be running for the position, but we will be accepting nominations from the floor. Other openings in the Executive Committee include: Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and First Alternate Delegate, for all of which we will be seeking nominations.

We encourage anyone interested in running for local positions in March to do so. Holding local office provides a boost in terms of name recognition and gives a person enormous experience that can be utilized in seeking county-, state-, or nationwide offices. Expanding our local presence will also help us build a stronger base for Democratic power in Rutland County.

So encourage your friends and family to run! Do you know anyone who would be a good candidate? Let us know! If you are interested and have questions, please contact your Town Chair or Heather.

Heather to contact Carol Wright about running for Secretary.

Heather to send the link to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to the Executive Committee.

Eugenia to contact the Vermont Democratic Party about the appointment of Heather as interim Chair.

The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from 8Oct2018 were approved.

The Committee discussed lesson learned from the last election cycle. Recommendations for the future include increased communication, tracking the public's comments/complaints to the Rutland County Democrats, clarifying roles in the SOP, identifying potential candidates earlier in the process, the need for a headquarters and an intern, and the importance of fundraising beforehand. Mary M. to send Heather the form to organize the distribution of lawn signs.

The Executive Committee discussed the Spring Brunch, and decided that it will be open to all genders. Eugenia to send some suggested names for the brunch to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee to send each other suggested speakers, namely women from Rutland County from different generations. Kathy and Liz to lead the Committee for finding a location and date, and determining the food, expenses, and decorations. Liz to contact Marcy Tanger to ask her to join the Committee. Kathy to contact Sandy Cohen to ask her to join the Committee.

Because candidates for Town Meeting Day rarely run under political parties in Rutland County, the Executive Committee will probably not be very active in the March election cycle. Heather to update the SOP to indicate that a greater effort will be made to involve Town Chairs in the process for identifying candidates for all elections going forward.

The Executive Committee discussed the spring fundraising letter. Eugenia to send a draft to the Executive Committee. We hope to send the fundraising letter in February.

Kathy gave her archives to Heather. Heather to put as much of this as possible into the SOP.

Better Angels organizes workshops where Republicans and Democrats listen to each other about the issues. The focus is on listening not persuasion. Carol Wright is hoping to organize a local workshop and needs to find Republicans who are interested in helping to set this up. Heather to forward Carol's email to Liz, so that Liz can follow-up with some Republican contacts.

Heather to send a draft December newsletter to the Executive Committee (with a list of the Town Chairs at the bottom of each newsletter). At a later date, the Executive Committee will discuss the schedule, content and responsibilities for drafting the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Recording Secretary