

## **Rutland County Democratic Committee**

**October 22, 2019 Minutes**

**RRMC Leahy Center, 6:10-7:35 p.m.**

The Rutland County Democratic Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Heather Juliussen-Stevenson. Heather welcomed all in attendance. Quorum present.

1. **Report from the Secretary:** The minutes from the July 2019 meeting were distributed on the back of the agenda. Heather asked those present to review the minutes. Motion made and seconded to approve July 2019 minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Scott Garren reported an expense of \$42.34 for a two-year domain name registration renewal. A check for \$100 was received. Current balance is \$6,697.56.
3. **New Business:**

**Election of Officers and Delegates to the State:** A slate was presented of known candidates. Heather proposed to elect them by acclamation if not contested and then open up for other seats to be nominated and filled. Mary Mellow is stepping down as Rutland City Chair and Liaison. Heather thanked Mary for her years of service.

Proposed Slate:

Chair: Heather Juliussen-Stevenson

Vice Chair: Liz Filskov

Treasurer: Scott Garren

Asst. Treasurer: Eugenia Cooke

Recording Secretary: Carol Wright

Grassroots Liaison: Mary Droege

Rep to State Committee: Scott Garren

Rep to State Committee: Kathy Hall

Alternate 1 to State: Liz Filskov

Alternate 2 to State: Eugenia Cooke

Chair asked for additional nominations. No other nominations. Motion made and seconded for Secretary to cast a ballot for the slate; approved by unanimous vote. Secretary cast a single ballot for the slate.

Open positions:

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ideally, the Corresponding Secretary would be someone with technical and media savvy. In the past we had someone with great experience. The Corresponding Secretary maintains the email list, sends emails, updates the website and sometime Facebook. May also use SnapChat, Instagram, and Twitter. No nominees at this time.

Alternate 3 to State – This delegate would go to Montpelier every other month to vote on bylaw changes and ask questions, etc. The delegate would stand in for other delegates if they aren't able to attend. It's important to give Rutland County a voting voice in Montpelier. No nominees at this time.

**Social Media Outreach:** Chair distributed copies of social media outreach information to the present town chairs. The hope is that everyone will visit their town's Facebook home page to promote local events and boost the presence of Democrats in the towns. If towns are interested in a Twitter account, it's not that hard. We are seeking an advisor with experience using SnapChat. **Action:** Heather to send Town Chairs an electronic copy of this list of updates and requests.

**Town Officials:** Chair gave a list of all county officials to town Chairs and will also send this electronically, requesting feedback about potential candidates. It's important to build the bench of Democratic officials at the local level because 1) local officials often have a bigger impact on our day-to-day lives than state and federal officials, and 2) local offices build the resume for candidates interested in moving on to higher office. Everyone should keep an eye out in their town for events that candidates should attend.

**Vermont Democratic Party House Liaison:** Spencer Dole, with the State VT Democrats, introduced himself and his position. His priority is to find candidates and maintain seats in all counties. He repeated the request for people to run for office.

#### 4. **Announcements:**

We need participants for the Rutland City Halloween parade on Saturday. Children are welcome to join us. Heather will send an email to share the information on where and what time. Please wear a costume, even a feather boa. She will also have something if anyone needs a costume.

November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4-6 pm Harvest Dinner at Godnick Center, Rutland. This is Veteran's Weekend, Dennis Jenson will speak briefly. It will be a potluck supper and social event. There will also be a pie-baking contest.

5. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Recording Secretary