

**Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee**  
**August 12, 2019, Rutland Free Library, Small Conference Room**

Present: Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Liz Filskov, Scott Garren, Eugenia Cooke, Carol Wright, Kathy Hall, Mary Mellow

The Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Heather.

**1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes** – The June 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting minutes had a misspelling of Heather’s name on page 1. Carol will correct the spelling. Motion to approve corrected June minutes made by Mary Mellow. Motion seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

**2. Master List and back up for the Rutland County Democrats email** –Heather reported that the Master List is on Google drive. Anyone with gmail could revise it but Eugenia is the only one who should do revisions. Eugenia will take care of including Kathy’s revisions. Eugenia will share the latest versions with Committee Members. Kathy will forward Mary’s memos to Eugenia.

Heather explained that emails from the Rutland County Democrats are sent through Mad Mimi using a different list of email addresses. Eugenia has had trouble accessing the Rutland County Democrats email. Heather will work with her to see why it isn’t working. We need someone to check the Rutland County Democrats email on a regular basis if Heather isn’t available. Liz said she will be the backup.

**3. Town Reorganization** – Discussion of assignments:

Mary M. – Rutland City, Sudbury, Middletown Springs

Kathy – Chittenden, Brandon, Pittsford, Rutland Town – Kathy said she’s OK with these towns. She’s going to contact people in Pittsford and find someone willing to be Chair.

Mary D. – Castleton, Hubbardton

Scott – Shrewsbury

Liz – Wallingford, Pawlet, Clarendon, West Rutland and Tinmouth

Heather – Mount Tabor, Fair Haven, Poultney

Carol – Tinmouth

Eugenia – Proctor and Mount Holly

If the town is already organized, we will contact town chairs to make sure everyone is on task. If the town isn’t organized, we will try to find a volunteer to schedule a meeting. The state would like us to schedule the meetings between September 10-30. Discussion about how to post notice, including Front Porch Forum, posting at the Town Clerk Office, and using the Event Page on the Rutland Herald. The notice has to be posted in 3 physical locations. Heather will resend the Power Point tomorrow a.m., which explains the changes.

\* Facebook ads – You have to be the administrator on the page to do an ad. When we get the dates and times, we can do two ads for \$5 in Sept. and one in Oct., \$15 total.

\* Newspaper ads – Heather said she doesn’t think it’s required. May do one for Rutland City only. It may be better to use other formats to advertise the meetings. Do town chairs need info on how to post on Front Porch Forum—Heather will send the chairs instructions and find out how much it costs to do all the towns.

Decision not to do newspaper ad.

**4. October 22nd County Organization** - Will put the event in the Rutland Herald, not an ad. Mary M will put a request a room from the Library for 10/22 at 6:30 pm.

\* Nominating Committee – Bunny

\* Interest has been expressed in this slate:

Chair: Heather

Vice Chair: Liz

Treasurer: Scott

Asst. Treasurer: Eugenia

Secretary: Carol

Corresponding Secretary: Open

Committeeperson: Open

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Alternate Committeeperson #1:

Alternate Committeeperson #2:

Alternate Committeeperson #3: Kathy

Grassroots Liaison: Mary D.

Rutland City Liaison: Appointed by Rutland City Committee

Other slate will be filled in, Heather has some names. Kathy will ask Matt and another person. Heather will ask Charlotte. Liz suggested a couple of young women, she will ask them.

Potential recruits: Heather will call Bunny and ask her to present the slate.

#### **5. Candidate Recruitment**

Cheryl Hooker would like us to add a form to the website to look for people interested in running. Heather will try to add a form to the website.

#### **\* Updates**

Discussion about candidates. We need to look for another candidate. Kathy is working on Rutland Town. Liz gave some names from Rights & Democracy to Kathy Hall. Kathy and Heather recorded the names. Heather will look in VAN for contact info.

**6. Harvest Dinner** – Kathy will provide guidance; waiting to hear about Grace Church as a potential venue. Would like to have a location closer to town. Grace Church may not be an option. Harvest Dinner is a pot luck. The purpose is to have something purely social. There have been good speakers in the past. Discussion about various location, including College of St. Joseph site. Kathy will check on the Tinmouth Center. Date will be early November.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Wright  
Secretary