

**Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee**

**January 13, 2020**

**Rutland Free Library – Small Conference Room**

Present: Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Kathy Hall, Eugenia Cooke, Carol Wright

Meeting called to order by Heather at: 6:05 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2019:

Eugenia had two assignments which were omitted under Town Reorganization: Proctor and Mount Holly. Motion to approve as amended. Motion carried. Minutes will be revised to include Eugenia's assignments.

2. Reorganization Lessons Learned

Discussion of Town Reorganization work. The delegates listed on the statewide website are wrong. Heather had trouble contacting some of the town chairs.

3. February County Meeting Agenda

Discussion of postcarding at meetings to encourage attendance. Kathy has heavy paper and can make postcards. Heather will sign us up for Postcards for Voters (Tony the Democrat) so that we can have some postcards to write at the Feb. 10 meeting.

We will continue to meet on second Mondays of even numbered months.

Kathy suggested having speakers such as Jim Condos or Beth Pearce. Heather will invite Jim Condos to the Feb. 10 meeting.

4. Harvest Dinner Lessons Learned

Venue was good. We ran out of beverages and had too much food. May need to make assignments next time. Dennis worked well as a speaker. We used to have a trivia game. We had a musical group singing acapella a few times. Discussion of buying silverware. In the past there was a larger turnout in Tinmouth. Suggestion to start earlier and invite all state dignitaries (and for us to follow-up with them about attending).

Suggestion to follow up with people that attended, for possible membership, if we have a list.

5. Women's Brunch

Liz did a great job with getting speakers last year. Will check with Liz about speaker recommendations.

There were problems with people not RSVPing. RSVP's were coming in late, which is hard for food prep. Discussion of other venues, such as Rutland Country Club. Holiday Inn cost less than Franklin Center. Kathy will check out spaces.

130 people attended. Lots of young people. We could start calling people after the invitations go out to see if they plan to attend. Tentative dates discussed—4/19, 4/26 or 5/3.

6. Green Up day—first Saturday in May. Carol will organize. She would like to include students at Castleton University.
7. Kathy Hall moved that we go into Executive Session. Motion carried. Session lasted 7:25-7:38.
8. The State meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathy and Eugenia are planning to go. Scott isn't available.
9. Fundraising

We received two checks recently for \$135 total.

Fundraising letter discussion. What are other options—link on Facebook and/or emails. Heather will do these. The letters raise more money. Eugenia gets the contact info from the checks, not the slip of paper. Coming up with the text is a challenge. Kathy suggested asking people to go green. Letter will include pictures. Kathy will ask Mary Howard for some comments for the letter. Heather will send a copy of last year's letter to Kathy. Goal to have an e-letter in a month or so. Eugenia has a spread sheet of donors in 2018 and 2019.

#### 10. Candidate Search

Heather will add the open seats to the website.

Haven't heard from Rutland Town. Heather discussed the needs for candidates in Rutland County. Kathy has some suggestions; she and Heather will follow up.

We all need to look for House candidates. The Democrats will be holding a training for House Candidates on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Think about Senate candidates

Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, Rutland County Democrats. Heather will reserve space.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Secretary