

## **Meeting of the Rutland County Democratic Committee 10/9/2024**

Present: Stephanie Jerome, Mary Droege, Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Carol Wright, Eugenia Cooke, Marsha Cassel, Elizabeth Reddy, Scott Garren, Russ Glitman, Tom Fagan, Charlotte Gerstein, Pat Schroeder, Kathy Hall

Eugenia moved and Carol seconded to call meeting to order at 6:35 (estimate; transcript doesn't provide time and all names present)

Pat Schroeder moved and Barbara seconded, to accept the agenda as posted.

Approval of Minutes was moved by Barbara; Carol seconded. Eugenia indicated a typo at the top of the second page of the county meeting minutes (since corrected by Diane); should read "there will be a play with Bernie...". With edit, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report. Scott reported \$3900 in the bank. Some outstanding candidate checks remain to be cashed, and the deposit on headquarters will add \$1200 after election. Another 100 signs have been paid for and reflected in \$3900. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Eugenia, seconded by Barbara. Report was approved.

Getting out the vote for local candidates. Barbara announced Duncan's canvassing efforts. He's been taking only one day off a week. Phone calls for Kamala and contested candidates in Rutland County have been scheduled for 5:45-8. Duncan could use more help for phones or canvassing. Barbara gave the group Duncan's phone number to volunteer: 203-291-9684. Marsha reminded that lap tops are needed for Kamala canvassing. Duncan is willing to help people canvass from home, but this is not preferable.

Honk and waves. Mary brought up a candidate honk and waves for Nov. 1, 5-6, at the corner of routes 4 and 7 (Main Street Park corner). Also more signs are needed. Barbara mentioned the large number of Bob Richards signs still at headquarters. More Harris signs are due to arrive. Mary Mellow advised the committee to tell people to bring signs in at night to avoid them getting stolen. Pat mentioned civil exchanges on FPF they are caught.

Marsha said there will be an event for her at the Inn at the Long Trail Inn, October 14, and another one at the home of Joan Gamble on October 13. There will be Candidates Forum October from 6 to 7:30 for all six and candidates, live-streamed on PEG-TV.

Stephanie thanked the committee for donations. She will do four mailers to combat misinformation being circulated. Duncan has been a great help. She is pleased that she had a great interview in the Rutland Herald and the "our" Weekly Reporter. She will do a town wide canvass with Duncan on Saturday 10:45 to 2. There will be a Chamber of Commerce forum,

October 15, at the town hall at 6:30. The next day there be a "constituent conversation" event at the American Legion for a Q & A., 6PM.

The Halloween Parade: The date set is October 26, rain date, 10/27. Lining up at 5:30 Street is closed at 5:15. Marchers may be able to meet at headquarters. Barbara will notify volunteers if that's possible. Beelines is the theme for costumes. Political parties are allowed, but NO politicking. Candidates can show their name, period. Barbara said we should get as many people as possible, make us look strong. Banner may be allowed. Barbara said all delegates in Rutland

County have been invited.

Stephanie announced that over 26,000 people have already voted.

Next countywide meeting will be December 11. Marsha asked about dismantling the headquarters. Answer: end of November.

Kathy reminded Barbara about a possible gathering after the election. What do folks do election night? Nothing was decided apropos.

Meeting was adjourned without a formal motion around 8:10.