

**Meeting of the Rutland County Democratic Committee**  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

Present: Mary Droege, Barbara Noyes Pulling, Scott Garren, Josh Ferguson, Carol Wright, Eugenia Cooke, Diane Alberts, Beth Carmody, Teresa Biasuzzi, Gary Derr, Andy Tanger, Megan Smith, Brad Myerson, Pat Schroeder, Kathy Hall

Meeting called to order by co-chair, Mary Droege at 6:40. Because there didn't seem to be a quorum, the treasurer's report and minutes were not formally approved. Andy Tanger suggested that it wasn't necessary to approve minutes/report at that time, and that we move on. For the record, though, Scott did let the committee know the balance of the moment which was \$6,277.06.

As for minutes, Mary did want one amendment which was to state that she had attended the Addison County Democratic Committee (not a county chairs committee as stated in minutes), She wanted this amended because she was impressed by the large Zoom turn-out in Addison County, including local reps. The minutes will be amended to reflect that change.

Barbara reported for the delegates to the state committee on the January 20 meeting. She said that there were some adjustments underway for the fiscal year budget starting in January. Also while two staff members were laid off in 2023, one position would be reinstated in April to deal with the upcoming elections. The previous southern Vermont fund-raising event was a success that the state committee would like to do again. Last, the VDP will be having a series of training courses for such things as how best to support a candidate, house parties, town caucuses, and running a campaign, among others.

Josh spoke about how to get participation for state and national delegates, starting with voting in the primary being a basic requirement. Two days after the primary the VDP will send out notices to town chairs with instructions for caucuses. Rutland County can send 53 delegates to the state convention. Kathy Hall suggested a "save the date" memo to those who may want to be delegates.

Next Mary and Barbara met with Liam O'Sullivan to discuss possible candidate vulnerabilities and districts to focus on. They chose Rutland #2, 3, 4, and 5 and hope to find candidates for those districts.

Diane suggested that there be a subcommittee to plan events. She volunteered as did Mary Droege, Megan Smith, and Kathy Hall.

There was a motion by Diane, seconded by Barbara to adjourn at 7:45. Meeting adjourned.