

Meeting of the Rutland County Democrats

April 10, 2024

Present: Mary Droege, Barbara Pulling, Scott Garren, Josh Ferguson, Diane Alberts. Eugenia Cooke, Carol Wright, Norm Cohen, Mary Mellow, Pat and Jeff, Greg Higgins, Melissa Reichart, Glen Mayer, Carol Schoenwetter, Brad Myerson, Erin and Antonin Robbason, Philippa Cully, Charlotte Gerstein, Martha Coulter, Pat Schroeder, Susan Kramer, Herb Ogden, Gary Derr, Kathy Hall (19 delegates, 6 guests).

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Mary Droege at 6:31PM. Eugenia moved, seconded by Josh to approve the agenda as presented online. Motion approved.

Barbara moved, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to accept the minutes for February 7 meeting as found in the notice. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. There was a \$5,832.18 balance with a hold that Scott needed to investigate. Barbara moved, seconded by Eugenia, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. (Post meeting, Scott found the hold was for QuickPrint and fund-raising letters.)

Next Mary reported that Becca Balint had to cancel a May 3 event with us due to a misunderstanding about what the time of day we preferred, but she will continue to try to work something out at a later date.

Mary and Diane reported on a potential event at the home of Karla Ross in Chittenden. Karla is offering the use of her spacious home and grounds free of charge, and is even willing to help with planning, which is what she has done for a career. Food and drinks will be provided by the committee. Mary asked the committee if Friday evening September 6 would be a good date, and the committee agreed. Also, a time of 5:30- 7:30 seemed to be okay, though no formal action was taken on it.

The appeal letter has been printed and on Saturday, April 13, there will be a letter-stuffing gathering in the small conference room of the Rutland Free Library from 10-noon.

Barbara commented on the need to encourage potential candidates as the final day to turn in petitions is May 3, 5 PM. 100 signatures are needed for a Senate candidate, and 50 for the House.

Barbara updated the committee on upcoming VDP events, including the Curtis

Hoff dinner at the Lake Champlain Hilton on May 17, and followed by the state convention in the same location will be held on May 18. Delegates will be chosen for the national convention in Chicago. Tickets for Hoff event start at \$115.

Town caucuses were next in discussion. Caucuses must be held between April 16 and 22, but not 22-23 which is Passover. Notices must be posted in two places for each town with dates, time, etc. of caucus, five days in advance of caucus. Delegates to the state convention will be chosen at this time. Towns that had already scheduled their caucuses included. Pawlet, West Rutland, Mt. Tabor, Castleton.

Mary Mellow suggested that committee officers call town chairs to remind them to set up their caucuses. Barbara and Mary agreed to do so.

Announcements: Mary Mellow offered her services once a campaign headquarters is set up.

The next county meeting will be June 12.

Diane moved, seconded by Mary to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Alberts, secretary
Rutland County Democratic Committee.