

RCDC County Meeting Minutes

RCDC meeting was called to order by Mary Droege on August 14, 2024, at 6:32 PM.

Present: Diane Alberts, Carol Wright, Scott Garren, Sherry Johnson, Marsha Cassel, Wyatt Waterman, Mary Howard, Mary Droege, Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Martha Coulter, Tom Fagan, Megan Smith, Cheryl Hooker, Gary Derr, Elizabeth Reddy, Eugenia Cooke

Minutes as posted in an email were approved.

Approval of agenda, Megan moved to approve, seconded by Mary Howard. Agenda approved.

Treasurer's report, Scott said we had six sponsorships for the September 6 event. Current balance was \$11,005

Primary results. Dana Peterson, a write-in, got enough votes to be one the ballot. Barbara gave results of each ward. Overall, primary went well, if sparsely attended. Certification of results will be Friday, Scott will be attending.

The headquarters should be at 36 Strongs Avenue, which used to be the lounge for the Palms. VDP may be paying 100%, which is \$1200/month, wifi excluded. There's a question about what is available for furniture. Owners will renovate the interior and provide a dorm fridge. Barbara said there is a sink, bathroom and two office spaces upstairs. The VDP is looking into hiring a staff person for Rutland-Bennington Counties.

VDP platform convention: Mary said links should have been sent to "everyone". Chairs, delegate and alternates are part of the platform committee. The platform has been drafted. Mary, Barbara, Marsha, Scott are going to attend the convention via Zoom.

State Fair: There are spots needed for Friday night and Saturday. Diane volunteered for 11-1 on Saturday. Eugenia said that a VSF staffer thanked Dems for being there after a number of years of absence: "It's "real important that you're there". Barbara could use help breaking down Sunday.

Friday Night Live: Tom and Mary D will set up. Carol said she would join briefly but was hoping for participation by candidates.

Sept 6 event. Ticket sales will be #1 item before food at the 8/15 planning meeting at Speak Easy Cafe. About 10 people had already signed up. There are six sponsors. Candidates and sponsors come without paying, nor do special guests: Pieciak, Charleston or Sen. Welch. Karla will provide sound system and emcee the speakers. Megan still working on silent auction donations. It was suggested that members of the committee contact people they know to find out if they got an invitation and if they planned to attend.

What photos should be added to sites will be discussed at the planning committee meeting on Thursday, 8/15. Beverages, food, and miscellaneous items needed will also be discussed at this meeting.

There is usually a grand opening for a campaign office. Usually there are light snacks and beverages.

(At this point Diane's computer ran out of power, and the meeting adjourned before she could get back to it. The rest of the minutes are gleaned from Scott's Google notes)

Questions were raised about the non-political nature of the Halloween Parade, and whether politicians can participate. There has been a rule change apropos: politicians cannot identify themselves as a candidate or party member.

There were some issues about connectivity. Meeting was adjourned about 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Alberts, secretary
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