

**RCDC Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 6:30 - 7:50 p.m.**  
**Zoom/Phone**

Present: Mary Droege, Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Eugenia Cooke, Scott Garren, Carol Wright, Josh Ferguson,

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda was sent in advance. Motion to approve as presented made by Scott. Motion seconded by Josh. Agenda approved.

**Approval of the Minutes (April 10, 2024):** Minutes were sent in advance. Motion to approve minutes made by Scott. Motion seconded by Eugenia. Minutes approved.

**Update on Appeal Letter Schedule for Email Version (Scott & Eugenia):** Scott reported the response has been good. Eugenia received 38 donations, totaling \$3,325.00. Very generous donations. Thank you notes will go out to everyone. Three donations came from the letters we sent to people on the master sheet who were not donors. There were some "return to senders". Eugenia is looking to update a couple of addresses. The email blast has not gone out yet. Last year's fundraising letter total was \$4,000. In 2020, it topped \$5,000.

Discussion of sending email versions of letter. We will send one now. The eblast usually goes out more than once. People who have already donated will be thanked. Scott suggested reminding people that the better our finances are, the better we can support our candidates. Maybe send another email during peak campaign season.

Discussed keeping the eblast short due to small screens, with a "donate" button right at the top. Scott will send a copy of last year's email to us for review. We'll send it out after we reach consensus. Mary is making a donation for us to sponsor the Castleton Golf Fundraiser. Scott made a motion to approve the donation for the Castleton Golf Fundraiser. Motion seconded by Eugenia. Motion approved.

**Local Candidates Search Status (Barbara):** The candidate search is going slowly. There may be open seats with no candidates. There is a candidate for State Senate (Marsha Cassell). Josh is too busy right now to run.

Discussion of finding people for the House. There are 3 more weeks until the filing deadline.

**VDP Update (Mary):** We're not buying a table at Curtis Hoff. Mary Mellow will receive an award next year, so we need to plan early to get a table then. VDP is receiving some complaints about the Google forms used for caucusing.

Scott sent the VDP an email offering to help with their tech. There currently isn't a data person. That person helps to extract voter information for candidates. Mary will look into contacting the

VDP for an update. There may be a county chairs meeting at the convention, if so, Mary will attend.

**Website and Social Media Update (Barbara):** Babara shared her screen to show us the updated website. Very clean and easier to use. It's not live yet, still being worked on. Barbara will email a copy to Eugenia. Discussion of changing the photo. Barb talked to the DC person managing our Facebook. She has given Barb permission to co-manage. Barbara has made some changes.

Mary will email some photos and info to Barbara about the Becca event in Castleton.

**Rollout of RCDC Annual Plan - Events, Roles & Schedules (Mary & Barbara):** Mary created an Excel Annual Plan spreadsheet. She shared the document on her screen. Mary and Barbara had started to use a spreadsheet to organize tasks this year. The committee has lots of work every year and the spreadsheet will help us stay organized. We can update and look at the task list each meeting.

Discussion of the upcoming Pride event. We need people to man the table, a canopy, and handouts. Suggestions included the Freedom and Unity book and voter registration information. Eugenia and Barbara volunteered to man the table.

Discussion of Fourth of July parades. Carol will check with Mary Mellow about the banners.

**May Newsletter (Barbara):** The newsletter is overdue. Mary and Barbara are going to start with some stories, including the Becca event. The deadline for filing for candidates is 5/30. If we send it out after the 30th, we can report on who will be on the ballot. Also a save-the-date for the Karla Ross event in September and a reminder about our booth at the Pride fest. Barbara will let them know that we only need one booth.

**Announcements/Upcoming Meetings/Locations (Mary):**

6/12/24 - Ex. Com. 6-6:30/County meeting 6:30 - Zoom

7/10/24 - Ex. Com. 6:30, in person; location TBA

8/14 - Ex. Com. 6-6:30, County meeting 6:30 - Zoom

9/11/24 - Ex Com. 6:30 in person, location TBA

**Adjournment:** 7:50 p.m. Barbara made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol. Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Wright