RCDC Executive Committee Meeting June 12, 2025, 6:04 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Zoom

Welcome: 6:04

Present: Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Mary Droege, Carol Wright, Eugenia Cooke

Appeal letter/email (Eugenia): Eugenia discussed Scott's Treasurer's Report. The appeal letter contributions were \$3,812.16. Some Act Blue donations, so the deposits were a little less. Scott's report doesn't include the 2 most recent deposits (\$150 total). Plan to send out an email appeal. Total expenses were \$668.48. Mainly expenses from the fundraising letter. We still have stamps that we didn't use. Closing balance is \$9,068.96, which is good for this time of year.

The fundraising email may have gone out once already. Barbara will check with Scott.

Local candidates' requests (Barbara): Bob Richards and Marsha Cassel will attend the county meeting in order to introduce themselves. We will have monthly county meetings this summer. Marsha hopes to recruit some volunteers from our meetings.

Candidates will be invited to 4th of July parades and our other summer events.

Discussion of participation in the Rutland Fair. The fair is August 13-17. Not sure what the time expectations are for staffing a booth. May need to be present from 11a.m - 10 p.m. Candidates may be able to help with staffing. Deposit for a 10×10 space is \$200. Will invite candidates.

Agreed to get more details and hold off on application. We withdrew our application last year and received a refund. Barbara will check on the refund policy.

Update on Karla Ross fundraiser (Mary): Kathy Hall is very helpful. Marcy Tanger will invite Peter Welch as speaker. If he's able to do it, we may be flexible on the date (Fri. or Sat. night). Another choice would be Patrick Leahy. Planning to get 5-8 sponsors at the \$250 level. Also, a high end silent auction. Tickets at \$35. Will budget \$15 for food or drink. Have received offers to donate food/drink. Have made a list of what is needed/available. Want to talk about spending policy for gatherings. Need to have a letter from the committee asking people to be sponsors.

Invitations will go out on Act Blue. Donations can be made by people unable to attend. Mary met with the Act Blue VT rep. Will try to keep the event in Sept. Tentative date: Fri, Sept 6, (5-7:30?). Mary will draft a sponsor letter for Ex. Com approval. We'll have all our local candidates, even if Peter Welch and Patrick Leahy aren't available.

Barbara suggested asking Scott to look into storage units and locations for downtown headquarters. All agreed. Storage space should be discounted.

Finding volunteers for upcoming events (Barbara): Pride is set for staffing, Marsha Cassel offered to help, along with Mary Mellow.

Parades - Mary Droege will take charge of Castleton Parade. Will discuss Brandon, Poultney parades offline.

Adjourned 7:30

Submitted by Carol Wright for Diane Alberts, Recording Secretary