

Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6:37 – 7:35 p.m.

Mary Mellow's House

Present: Mary Mellow, Diane Alberts, Anna Tadio, Carol Wright (late), Eugenia Cooke, Joshua Ferguson

Call to Order: Mary called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Quorum Count: 6 (quorum)

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the RCDC Executive Com. meeting of August 14, 2023, were sent out prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes made by Eugenia; seconded by Anna. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Eugenia reported the most recent balance is from last meeting, \$6,058.51. Approximately \$4,000.00 from fundraising (57 donors). Discussion of updating the donor list to include more non donors.

New Business:

Slate for RCDC election – Mary will talk to Cheryl regarding open positions. Discussion of possible candidates.

County Committee Reorg. – Mary discussed how the reorg will work. There are two parts. The caucus is first. The town delegates are already elected. County officers are elected after the caucus. An agenda needs to be made. The minutes from the last county committee meeting will be reviewed. Maybe Scott can do an overview of the last 2 years for the Treasurer's report.

Discussion of Zoom option. General preference for in-person meeting for the first meeting. We have 20 out of 27 towns organized. Mary will put together a list of chairs and delegates. That will be the list for calling quorum.

Discussion of the order for the election; slate first then open slots. Discussion of transition of officers and documents.

Meeting dates for 2023-2025 – Should be set by the next committee. In the past have considered legislator's schedules. Need to determine meeting place. Mary may check with delegates and alternate delegates & chairs. Chairs and delegates need to attend county meetings.

Josh suggested encouraging the new committee to have a fundraiser. We need input from towns. Carol will take minutes for Diane on 10/11/23.

County Lists—Mary makes an email list of the county chairs and the executive committee. She will discuss the master list with Eugenia. Mary has sent a note to Scott about Mad Mimi. The VDP will also give us a spreadsheet list for Rutland County.

Meeting will be at the Rutland Free Library—Fox Room.

Old Business:

Reorganizations Recap – Recap went well. Some towns had problems with submitting the paperwork. Mary will discuss this with the VDP.

Budget – will need to plan a budget for upcoming events (2023-2025).

Website update – Anna discussed the website progress. She, Barbara, and the tech company representative are going to have a discussion. Anna has some questions. Most of the contract looks OK. Need to look at the retainer. We need someone to do data entry and publicity. Someone needs to do a monthly update, social media posting, and we need a calendar on the website.

FNL Review – Due to the cancellation of one event, there will be a final event. We will get a \$50 reimbursement if the event isn't rescheduled. It might help to have candy or some items to attract people to the table in the future.

Young Vermont Democrats – They meet every month. Things are going well.

Dates

County Reorg, 10/11/23, Wed., RFL Fox Room, 6:30 p.m.

VDP Reorg, 11/18/23, Saturday, Place TBA

March 5th, Tuesday – VT Presidential Primary

Motion to adjourn made by Diane; seconded by Eugenia. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Recording Secretary