

Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting

March 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.

Present: Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Kathy Hall, Mary Droege, Eugenia Cooke, Carol Wright, Allie Breyer

Meeting called to order by Heather at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting of January 11, 2021 were sent in advance for the committee to review. Motion to approve January minutes made and seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: no report

New Business:

Fundraising Letter – Discussion about revisions to letter. Recommendation to include some information on our support of candidates on Town Meeting day. Discussed the report from Liz Filskov regarding results of candidate support. Kathy suggested adding that we decided to allocate funds for candidates for the Rutland City Aldermen and some other critical races on town meeting day. Heather shared her screen and edited the draft version of the letter as revisions were discussed. She will ask Thomas Franco for a quote to include in the letter.

Thanks were given to Allie for running. Heather will call all the candidates to thank them for running and encourage them to stay involved with us. Kathy suggested offering an invitation to our next county meeting.

Collaboration - Windsor County has invited us to attend their meetings.

Recruitment - Hopefully, we may be able to have a brunch and/or harvest dinner this fall.

Kathy discussed the possibility of holding an online fundraiser with a screening of the film "Natasha Mayers: An Un-Still Life." Natasha Mayers is a Maine activist who helps local protests by creating artwork. Kathy's daughter is involved with the film through her work. Kathy will send a link.

Other topics:

VT Democrat Party – Discussion of staffing changes. Kevin is a big loss to the party. Heather is on the hiring committee. Discussion of learning more about the command structure. We need to

be well prepared to keep our legislative seats. Carol suggested continuing to work on organizing our towns.

Eugenia asked if the fundraising letters should go to the whole list or a more targeted demographic. We also discussed publishing it electronically. We agreed to mail it to people who donated in 2019 & 2020. Eugenia will send the spreadsheet with the details about previous donors. We have had donations of \$1,400 since January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright,

Recording Secretary