

Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting

November 8, 2021, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Noah French, Anna Tadio, Carol Wright, Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Eugenia Cooke, Annie Stratton, Barbara Pulling,

Meeting called to order by Noah at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting of July 12, 2021, were sent in advance for the committee to review. Noah shared his screen for minutes review. Motion to approve July minutes made and seconded. Minutes approved.

New Business:

Retreat – Kathy Hall has offered to secure the N. Chittenden Grange Hall in early December so that we can get to know each other better and to discuss ideas for the work we could be doing. Discussion of benefits of retreat. Possible days would be Saturday or Sunday, 11:30 to around 3. Noah will reach out to Kathy and send us an email with details.

Fundraising – Discussed fundraising to support candidates in 2022. Ideas include selling crafts on Etsy, locally, or both. Fundraising letters are usually sent in March. Discussion of our other fundraising methods, such as the Harvest Dinner and Spring Brunch. Eugenia has the Master List spreadsheet for letters. She will share with Noah once she updates addresses to include new Executive Committee members. Heather will share our last fundraising letter with Noah. Eugenia will share copies of previous years' fundraising letters with Noah. Annie Stratton offered to help write letters. She wants to raise people's awareness of the Democratic party in Rutland Co. Barbara suggested targeting younger people and those in smaller towns. Noah talked about reaching out to the town chairs. Noah goes to CCV and may be able to help connect with young people there, also community bulletin boards. Discussion of having a Venmo account. Annie Stratton was impressed with the State Dems fundraising online system. We need to have donor information, which Scott reports.

Other:

Annie suggested using VDP in our email subject line, so that emails will go into her file and not junk mail. Discussion and agreed to try using RCDC in the subject line.

Annie questioned whether we need a process to help people making presentations at our meetings, such as guidelines, appropriate subjects, or time limits. Heather discussed the current

process; contact the Chair, if it fits with the Dem platform, we don't have a process for saying "no".

We would normally give people 5 minutes to talk. Noah will invite people if they request making a presentation. He will offer suggestions. Anna Tadio suggested if we have more than one speaker, they need to keep comments to 15 min. or less.

Schedule of Meetings – Will keep the 2nd Monday of each month. Same for county meetings. We will continue Zoom meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright
Recording Secretary