

Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting

July 12, 2021, 7:02 – 7:35 p.m.

Present: Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Mary Droege, Carol Wright, Kathy Hall, Scott Garren

Meeting called to order by Heather at 7:02 p.m.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Scott reported a current checking balance of \$3,563.19. This is reasonable for an off year. Our fundraisers are stronger in election years. If we do a spring fundraiser next year, should end up in good shape.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting of May 10, 2021 were sent in advance for the committee to review. Motion to approve May minutes made and seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

County Delegate Allocations per Town: Discussion of the 1:200 option. It's helpful to have a small number, in order to meet quorum. Not all our towns are organized, so the smallest number would be 64. One fourth of the delegates would be quorum (16). We don't have to meet quorum often and can usually meet it by calling people. If it's important, we can get a quorum. Since we have trouble organizing some towns, it would help to choose the smaller number (64).

Proposed Statement by David Searles: Members of the Executive Committee either don't feel qualified to assess the legal implications of the statement or feel that the VDP isn't the best venue for the statement insofar as it is not a legislative body. The legislators might be the best audience for such a statement. Kathy suggested that David approach the members of specific legislative committees related to David's statement. Scott moved to decline the invitation to endorse the statement and to encourage David to take it to legislators. All agreed.

Training on Digital Fundraising: Heather wants to do some online fundraising, not an auction. Also discussed Harvest Dinner. We could do a combination of a Women's Brunch and Harvest Dinner. We could show the film "An Un-Still Life" during Harvest Dinner. Kathy will get details from her daughter on using the film for a fundraiser (advertising, etc.). We could invite artist friends. It is possible that we could use the Godnick Center. We need a good venue for showing the film. Scott suggested organizing the event for socializing and fun, not as a fundraiser. We could also invite dignitaries. Kathy suggested scheduling this for one of the 1st 3 weekends in September. Discussion of Oct./early Nov. Heather will check with the Godnick for early fall event dates.

VDP Town Engagement: Discussion of whether Kevin Burgess' work to organize every town would continue. Mary will email Jennie Gartner asking about this. Towns reorganize this fall so time is limited. Mary discussed the possibility of one town helping another, less active town.

Next meeting: Heather will check with the Rutland Free Library to see if we can hold the August County meeting in person.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright, Recording Secretary