

Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee Meeting

June 21, 2022, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Rutland Free Library, Small Conference Room

Present: Mary Mellow, Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Anna Tadio, Eugenia Cooke, Carol Wright, Josh Ferguson

Mary Mellow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. This was a special meeting called in order to update our new Chair.

Old Business:

Budget Report – Scott Garren provided a 2022 election budget proposal, including previous years' budgets (2016 and 2018). Discussion of proposed budget and fundraising for 2022. Mary will ask Scott for figures from the 2020 budget.

Eugenia reported approximately \$1,300 from fundraising donations. There have been two Act Blue donations. It may take a few weeks to get the Act Blue check. Eugenia will forward the PDF document to Heather so she can send it out by email.

Rutland Fair Booth – The cost is about \$200 for a booth. The fair is after the primaries (8/16-20). We will need to have volunteers staff the booth (2-hour shifts) for 9-hour periods. Mary will reserve a booth. We can cancel if needed.

New County Districts – Mary has maps if anyone would like to review. We should know who is running in which district. Mary will email a list of candidates to us.

Web Page Calendar of Events – Discussion of our web page calendar and whether it's being used. Heather manages the calendar. She needs events sent to her. It hasn't been updated for a while.

Large and Small Banners – Need to locate both for Fourth of July parades (Brandon on 7/2, Castleton on 7/3, and Poultney on 7/4). Discussion of board members attending parades. Anna will attend the parade in Killington. Town chairs should be organizing parade volunteers. Board members will join parades in Brandon, Castleton, and/or Killington, if possible.

Justice of the Peace Filing Deadline – Mary will get the list from the VDP. The deadline is 8/12.

Discussion of committee members calling town chairs. Heather will send Mary the list which was used by board members to call town chairs for last reorganization.

Committee Email Code – Agreed to continue to use "RCDC" in the beginning of the subject line of emails.

New Business:

Campaign Headquarters – Discussion of having a public place for candidate signs and materials. Don't have enough in budget. Previously shared space with Rights & Democracy. Mary will ask Scott how much should be paid, if we're able to find an available space. Committee members will look for space.

Canvassing for Candidates/Van Files – We have free access to VAN. Mary will take a refresher course. Anna did her 1st and 2nd training sessions.

Announcements: VDP Platform Convention – 8/20.

Brandon Solarfest – 9/10

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Recording Secretary