

Minutes from Rutland County Democrat Executive Committee April 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Members present: Chair Mary Mellow, Anna Tadio, Joshua Ferguson, Barbara Noyes Pulling, Eugenia Cook, Diane Alberts.

We do not have a quorum, however we will not be voting on any topics.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Eugenia reported that the treasurer's report has no new transactions since the last report.

New Business:

Mary mentioned that Green Up Day is May 6. Anna said that Rutland Forward is planning to do a green up day event and will report back with details. (The update is that Rutland Forward does not have anything planned.)

Curtis Hoff dinner at UVM will be on Friday, May 12th. The dinner costs \$98 per person. Cheryl Hooker is one of the people who will be honored. Hopefully an announcement will be in the Rutland Herald. We need to check about getting a table. Discussion of should Rutland County get a table. Barbara said we should put a notice on our website and Mary said we should put it on Facebook. Anna, Mary and Josh would like to go. We need to find out about reserving a group table.

Summer 4th of July parades: Brandon, Castleton, Poultney, Killington
July 4th is on a Tuesday this year. Anna will confirm for Brandon and Killington. Josh will investigate the Castleton parade.

Friday Night Live: This will be scheduled for three weekends in July, August, and September. We would like to have a table at the event where we register voters and hand out literature. We need someone to be a contact and point person for this event. Anna volunteered however she will not be in Vermont for July. Mary prefers our point person to be someone who will be here in July for consistency in having a point person.

2024 Democratic Congress will be held in Chicago.

We have town and city reorganization in September.

We have county reorganization in October. We need to start the search for a new chair.

Old Business:

Website: Barbara and Heather have been working on the website. Scott was the last person who worked with Go Daddy and we need help to update the logo on the website. We are hoping to be able to edit and update the event calendar.

Fundraising: Diane wrote a fundraising letter and Scott gave feedback. Barbara said we need assistance with messaging and encouraging people to get involved and vote. The committee discussed that the letter should focus on what our values are and what we want to say to the public. Mary would like to add photos to the letter and the names of the members of the executive committee. Eugenia has quotes from Quick Print about shipping and mail services. People can send their ideas about the theme of the letter to Diane. Eugenia says as long as it is positive then it will land well. We should discuss how energized we are and the positive changes the Democrats have worked for in order to be the most effective.

Announcements:

The next general meeting will be in May. It would be good to have wrap ups from our legislators. If they are in session then zoom would be best, but if they are out of session then we could meet in person. Mary said that the Hub is more expensive than Godnick. Eugenia said that if we do in person our announcement should mention we will provide food and drinks. We will do a zoom for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

July 10 - Dems General Meeting

September 11 - ExComm - week for County Town Reorgs

October 10 - Dems General Meeting, County Reorg in person

Nov 13 - ExComm

Nov 18 - VDP Reorganization

Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Tadio, Vice Chair