

Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee Meeting

August 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

In-person at Mary's House

Present: Mary Mellow, Diane Alberts, Carol Wright, Eugenia Cooke, Anna Tadio, Scott Garren (by Zoom), Barbara Noyes-Pulling

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Quorum – Discussion of the procedure for counting quorum at county meetings and whether bylaws may need revision. Will continue discussion at next meeting.

Quorum Count: 7 (quorum)

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the RCDC Executive Com. meeting of June 12, 2023 were sent out prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes made by Barbara; seconded by Eugenia. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Report emailed prior to meeting. Scott reported a closing balance of \$6,058.51. Income of \$1,469.05 and expenses of \$544.50. \$150 in donations from Act Blue—check to be received. Our fundraising efforts are ahead of 2 years ago.

Discussion of VDP's Manchester event.

New Business:

Town reorg dates and contacts - Mary gave us a list of the Rutland County Towns which need reorg dates. We will contact town chairs (or other local Dems in unorganized towns) regarding setting up their meetings. The VDP has notified chairs. Diane and Josh have already contacted some town leaders.

Mary will get the paper reorg form for anyone who needs it. Discussion of public posting of meeting dates. The committee divided the list of towns to be called. Mary will send us the list of who is contacting which town and talking points for our use.

Discussion of town delegates. We need to reinforce how many delegates towns have and the need for them to attend meetings. Town reorg meetings must take place from 9/10 – 9/16, and be finished by the 30th. Discussion of participation in meeting notice as a group and using the Mountain Times, Rutland Herald, or Castleton paper. Anna will contact the Herald regarding the price of the ad and the deadlines.

Event: March on Washington Film - Kathy Hall sent Mary a note suggesting that we show the film, since it is the 60th anniversary. We agree that there isn't enough time to set this up.

Old Business:

2023-25 County Officers Search - Will need a Chair, Vice Chair, and Recording Secretary. Anna may be able to be a delegate. Discussion of role of Corresponding Secretary. Discussion of having meetings some other day of the week when legislature is not in session.

Website – Barbara contacted Andrew. She received a seven-page contract. There are some things which would be free. The cost of other services would be on a retainer system. He would charge \$35/hr., with \$175 in retainer. Andrew would do some of the work and some things, such as design layout, would have to be outsourced. Discussion of need to know the annual cost and which work needs to happen first.

Anna will read the contract and get back with us by email in a day or two.

Budget for 2023-25 – Mary would like to have a budget that includes events. She has shared a past budget with Scott. The budget group will include Scott, Eugenia, Mary, and someone from outside the committee. Discussion about fundraisers and/or two appeals. Discussion of budgeting for fundraisers.

VT Young Democrats Event – Anna reported the event went well. Dues are \$25. They are trying to recruit people from across the state.

FNL – Sept 1 is last one. Anna reported that they registered 5-6 voters and people showed interest in Rutland Co. Democrats.

Dates:

No county meeting in September, due to reorganization. Will have county meeting in October. The Ex. Com. will meet on Tuesday, 9/19.

Eugenia is working on the Reorg meeting arrangements.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Recording Secretary