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Democratic Rural Conference
Minutes from a Meeting of the DRC Membership
Saturday April 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Desmond Hotel, Albany New York

Meeting of the board called to order by Ms. Hunter at 9:50 AM

Board members in attendance

Judith Hunter*	Bill Thickstun*	Michael Plitt*
Jeanne Crane	Ron McDougall*	John Hurley*
Keith Batman*	Dan Farfaglia*	Darlene Baker*
Margaret Bartley	Michael Monescalchi	Ted Young*
Frank Puglisi *	Tim Perfetti*	Tom Schimmerling*
Bill Hughes*	Jason Clark*	Cindy Appleton
Max Della Pia	Liz Moran*	

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Report

Mr. Puglisi reported the following:

Per written report.ted / cindy unanimous

Remarks by Irene Stein

Remembrance of Ruth Young and Steve Jones

Steve Jones set the standard for role of Secretary

Ruth supported Drc from the start. Focus on equity, justice environmental issues

Moment of silence

Nominating Committee – Mr. Jones

Filling 9 positions at conference

4 vice chair

5 directors

Report from the Chair

Lots of adjusting over the last 2 years.

Zoom has been a real benefit for DRC. Zoom allowed everyone to be a part of DRC on a regular basis.

We are not getting rid of Zoom

Zoom is available to all DRC county committees – contact Judith.

Use signs printed by ECDC Jacobs, Stefanik, Tenney Voted NO to have a local events where GOP are taking credit for bills they voted against.

We are rural democrats working in the trenches. Meeting together, talking with each other, sharing strategies is so important – something Zoom cannot duplicate

The DRC makes a difference.

Nominating Committee Phil Jones

We are electing 4 regional vice-chair positions.

Currently have 1 candidate for each position

Cindy – west

Ron – north

Liz moran – central

Mike m -catskill/hudson

Moved / seconded

No nominatiions

Close nome move / second

Move to vote by acclimation

Move / second unanimeuse

6 at large positions – 7 candidates

2 minutes each to speak

Close nominations move / second unanimous

Jeanne Crane

Bill Thickstun

Dan Sneizek

Keith Batman

Jason Clark

Tom Schimmerling

Ted Young

Judith explain the rest of the day

Paul Tonko at 11:00 then breakouts

Old Business

New business

Motion adjourn ted / ron

Meeting closed at 10:38 am

By-laws Committee – Ms. Baker

No report

Issues Committee – Mr. Batman

Communications Committee – Mr. Thickstun

Political Committee – Mr. Perfetti

Conference Report – Ms. Dodds

New Business:

Next Meeting: Saturday , 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom Judith ask for delay until after lines are set.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Young at m. Mr. tom s seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Hurley

DRC Secretary

Board followup

Call to order 2:05

Phil asked question about how to inform about the vote results

Tim,bill H, danF, Jason C, Ron, Darlene, Keith,Judith,bill T, tom S,jane,,

Ted, Frank P., Mike, John H Phil

Tim – move theh 2023 conference be held in Liverpool, Keith second unanimous

Discussion of 2024 site union vs rural Naigara Falls

Jane – we will start the search

Judith – Jane saved our butts. Thanks for everything.

Judith: the good, the bad and the ugly

Hotel did not do reserved tables thing very well.

Hochul and Schumer needed to be out by 7:30 and chuck was just getting warmed up

Do better job of name tags

Need to serve NY wines and not California – Governor's choice???

“Office Hours” session worked well

Signs – ECDC paid for both signs and program book

Frank – financially in good shape. Still waiting for Desmond bill.

Gillibrand very helpful with congressionals

Registration went well – especially dues paid by county

Next Meeting: Zoom or in **person**. Delay decision until new lines.

Need to factor DRC and personal cost into the decision.

Need to figure out how to best define the regional vice chair role

Phil – need to look at county populations

Bill T: once line are finalized a big data project to get all of the folks in new districts

Jane – new chair training? Judith – will do after reorganizations in September.

Need to focus on DRC – we

Adjourn Ted / Keith unanimously 3:06 pm