

CoCo Notes 7/18/17

Present at the meeting: Acting Chair Anthony Polina, Asst. Chair Meg Polyte, Asst. Treasurer Morgan Daybell, Treasurer Martha Abbot, Sec. Chris Brimmer, at large Adam Norton, Barbra Pine, Susan Hatch Davis, Executive Director Josh Wronski.

- 1) Josh gave report on forthcoming fundraiser, good participation by co-sponsors and a lineup of speakers. Well-developed event with plenty to keep the interest up. July 30th.
- 2) Josh gave a re-organization time-line update, moving up the time into August and September and pushing the State Committee meeting into August. We will have a discussion on the agenda at the end of the meeting. Josh will need all hands-on deck to pull this off. Town Caucus between September 10-30, county within 15 days after that. Town packets will go out to chairs early to mid Aug. There will be updated re-org lists. CoCo members not already county chairs should help with phone calling and organizing on the county level. County chairs should stay in communication with the Executive Director and he should be ready to handhold. Can we turn this into an event of one kind or another other than reorg? Platform? Bernie and Beyond? Possibly use David and Anthony? Universal primary care as an issue? Movie night? Take the top three and offer to the chairs. There may be many school strikes this fall. Skeptical about the platform, stick to inclusive events. This is a chance to differentiate ourselves from the Dems and capture some of the youth activism.
- 3) Martha led the financial discussion. We have spent \$1300 more than came in which is an improvement, we have cash on hand and are paying our obligations. Our deficit is smaller but this is the off year and we need to get into shape for the election year. The new direct system is saving us money in both fees and administrative time and costs. Moved to the financial policy, Is it ready now and can be adjusted on the fly? Meg would like the policy to be simplified, easy to read and usable. The Policy will be tabled for the Sept. meeting, no action this meeting.
- 4) CoCo vacancy; who wants to run for the open seats and who will be chair? Discussion of who is available and would be a good fit. Send names to Josh and Anthony.
- 5) Membership Committee flyers updated, we are not really connecting with the Bernie people, we need to circle back to the talking points and our connection with Sanders. We need to come up with a list of contacts in these other organizations. Will appear on the agenda for next meeting but an in-person for the Burlington area to be pulled together, Josh will put out a doodle.
- 6) Platform Committee Barbara reports that there was a plan to assign tasks but that didn't happen. Mike is MIA for now, someone needs to reach out on the one hand and the platform needs to move forward on the other. Martha is going to reach out to Mike. There were to be groups to reach out on planks. Josh got the list and went through it. We need to find out if Mike is still on board, but we should move forward whether he does or not. We need a leader for the platform committee. Barbara will sit down with Josh and Meg to make a plan, we have plenty of time, really need it done in the March/April time frame it can be pushed after the Party Convention.
- 7) August 20th State Committee Meeting, location depends on whether Sanders participates, but the chances are slim. Martha suggested a more serious fund raiser with the Farm Food Center in Rutland. The other venue is the park pavilion which is large. CoCo to make calls to State

Committee members and tell them to bring chairs. An hour meeting on reorg and CoCo elections, maybe a legislative wrap up and David Zuckerman.

- 8) Office move, new building in Burlington, Josh needs help with the move, message will go out when date and time is firmed up.
- 9) Adam moved to adjourn Martha second, by acclamation at 913 pm

Meeting ended at 9:13