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### **Meeting Attendees**

*Vivienne Adair* - retired from retail merchandising/promotion, women's history enthusiast, and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

*Cynthia "Cyndy" Bittinger* – VT Women writer, VPR commentator + women's history month collaborator, and historian. **SKYPE**

*Lyn Blackwell* – writer, professor, historian, League member

*Cary Brown* - Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) executive director

*Ana Burke* – Women's March team **SKYPE**

*Kellie Campbell* - VCW Commissioner (Georgia) and Saint Michael's College Associate Director in IT **SKYPE**

*Eileen Corcoran* - Vermont Historical Society's Community Outreach & Media Coordinator, interested in historical celebration aspects and is communication conduit for historical societies **SKYPE**

*Beth Kanell* – author, poet and NEK involvement enthusiast <http://bethkanell.blogspot.com/>

*Jill McKeon* - League of Women Voters of Vermont

*Maureen "Kiki" McShane* – Evolve Rutland **SKYPE**

*Rachael Onuf* - Vermont State Archives & Records Administration Historical Records Program Coordinator, working on a project crowd sourcing suffragist profiles

*Sue Racanelli*, League of Women Voters

*Sonja Schuyler* - The Johnson Company Senior Scientist and League member

*Yvonne Straus* – local artist + writer **SKYPE**

*Eileen Sullivan* - Planned Parenthood Communications Director, media and public relations **SKYPE**

*Lilly Talbert* – Vermont Commission on Women, to help gather those interested, spread word

*Kevin Veller* - Office of Congressman Peter Welch (VT-AL)

*Catherine Welch* - also from St. Mikes, executive board member of Vermont Women in Higher Education

### **BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR LAST MEETING**

**Vivienne Adair reviewed the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Vermont**, passing around a scrapbook of photos and ephemera, including the event program.

**Sue Racanelli discussed how to best address, acknowledge and infuse into planning the fact that women of color, low income women and women with disabilities were unable to access voting for decades after passage.**

#### **The group discussed:**

**Structure** - one big event on a particular day, theme, events all year? Start work by determining our mission and goals, beginning with a look at the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration. Put together a tool kit that can be shared online.

**General theme ideas around Voting...***Securing the Right to Vote/This is What Voting Means to Me* type sub theme. 2020 is a presidential year and we're seeing more women running for office

**Folding this celebration into other public events that year.** Align with national days/months already celebrated – like women's history month and with programs/events that happen in VT - film festivals, school curriculum + exhibits, Vermont Reads, Vermont Folklife Center, VPR, conferences, etc. Tie in with what already exists for celebrations in 2020. We've started the process of letting historical societies, museums, humanities council know about 2020, so they can pre-plan. *Sue to share a list of potential celebratory events.*

**Funding.** Planning process, lead up, and main event. Website is important and needed soon. Big job. Needs staff/interns. In early 2019 begin securing \$ for event, website, staff/interns

**Who was missing from the planning.** Increase participation in this planning group. Talked about women of color, women from all parts of Vermont – especially South and North, women with disabilities, young women, LGBTQ more. *Sue to write a paragraph about 2020 celebration. Lilly will create a Google Doc for group members to contribute names/organizations.*

***Ways you could help:***

Contribute to the Google document. Make personal calls.

Formulate ideas of events and people you know that would like to engage in this endeavor

**Next meeting:** Mission + Goals Planning Workshop