



Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2019, 10:00 – noon

Rescheduled due to weather (originally Tuesday, November 19, 2019)

Center for Achievement in Public Service (CAPS), Schulmaier Hall
32 College Street, Montpelier, campus of Vermont College of Fine Arts (VCFA)

Present

Vivianne Adair, American Association of University Women
Business and Professional Women/VT Inc: Donna Rae Heath, Alice Kitchel
Cyndy Bittinger*, Laura Daudelin, Susan Dineen, Sandra Dooley
Therese 'Teri' Corsones, Vermont Bar Association
Pamela Kraynak*, Dell McDonough
League of Women Voters: Anne Mixer, Madeleine Mongan ,
Lila Richardson
Karen Madden, Northern Vermont University
*Elisa Nelson, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
*Rachel Onuf, VT State Archives & Records Administration
* Ericka Reil, Vermont Center for Independent Living

Margaret Tamulonis, Fleming Museum
* Tess Taylor, Vermont Humanities Council

Presiding: Sue Racanelli, League of Women Voters

Recording: Lilly Talbert, Vermont Commission on Women

Regrets

Marguerite Adelman, Lyn Blackwell, Edna Curtin, Linda Radtke,
Donna Smyers, Christine Smith, Yvonne Strauss, Joy Worland

* *Participating remotely via Conference Call*

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome New Participants

Therese "Terri" Corsones, Vermont Bar Association.

GUEST PRESENTATION: VERMONT MAKES VOTING EASY AND ACCESSIBLE – Secretary of State, Jim Condos and Chief of Staff, Eric Covey (Summary to follow)

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVENTS: VIVIENNE ADAIR, DELL MCDONOUGH

Vivienne Adair

Seeks member advice on how to inform potential participants that the opportunity to take part in State House lawn activities will be offered to several in each category and committee will decide who to select ▪ Would like to see online poster(s). Can get in touch with artist Mary Azarian ▪ Bread and Puppet contact suggested waiting until spring to request participation ▪ Contacting two companies about sound system ▪ Embroidery Flag. Talked to Vermont State Curator David Schutz to get verification the flag will be part of Vermont history collection after the parade ▪ Making sashes, paper or ribbon, to wear in parade. Please think about the verbiage you might want on the sash ▪ Will know about insurance for parade in January ▪ Plan for State House lawn on display for members to view ▪ Seven framed 16x20 pictures from the 75th Anniversary available for any events ▪ DVD of 75th anniversary to Amber for possible website inclusion.

5K Suffrage Scramble. Reporting for Donna Smyers. The town of Duxbury approved the route. She is now working on including this information on the Central Vermont Runners (CVR) website. Two or three women from CVR will help on the Race Committee. \$20 entry fee.

How individuals and organizations can help: Be thinking about what you want to put on a sash for the parade.

VSCA Action Item: Lilly to contact Yvonne Strauss regarding poster.



Dell McDonough on Parade Plan

Dance to be commissioned for State House lawn. \$1,000 approved to Vermont Dance Alliance ▪ Maiden Vermont Chorus, a women's barbershop quartet confirmed participation ▪ Zero Gravity Brewery very interested in celebratory brew. No responses from (i) Krista Scruggs of Zaffa Wines (ii) Vermont Auto Enthusiasts. Would like some antique cars in the parade (iii) National Woman's Party Museum in Washington - help with 1913 parade banners which will enable us to formulate content and design of our parade ▪ Contacted producer Angela Evancie of *Brave Little State*. She will work on getting my question on suffrage in the queue but thought this might be a better fit for Bob Kinzel, host of Friday's Vermont Edition ▪ Need to connect with Montpelier Alive about their July 4th parade configuration to determine how many floats/marchers we should have ▪ We will apply for grant for light pole banners in January.

How individuals and organizations can help. Does anyone know Krista Scruggs or have her contact information?

OUTREACH: LILLY TALBERT

Social Justice Organizations. Elaine Alfano, Madeleine Mongan, and Lila Richardson will be reaching out to social justice organizations in January to invite them to join the Alliance. The original list has been reviewed and is ready to share with Alliance members. VSCA members are requested to look at the list and let them know if you personally know someone at these organizations. The idea is that you will initiate contact with the people you know, using an introductory letter developed by Madeleine. This gives the effort a very personal touch and avoids multiple contacts.

How individuals and/or organizations can help: Review list of outreach contacts – respond to Lila if you know folks; they will give you an written introduction piece to use.

Girls on the Run. Spoke with new Events Director who is a colleague (ran Champlain College's Women's Center) and looped them into 5K effort and offered our support to their suffrage-themed events next year.

Speakers' Bureau. Completed and on the website. Press release to be sent early December. Will need help from members in getting word out.

How individuals and/or organizations can help: Watch for another message kit message with FPF blurbs, social media messaging and links to share.

Professor Amy Morsman's November 3 talk, *Moments of Reckoning in the Campaign for Women's Voting Rights*, was very well attended. Lots of good information. CCTV was there. Here is the link. <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/moments-reckoning-campaign-womens-rights>

Assisting with a VSCA Change The Story gender equity commentary for VT Digger for the month of January.

Pecha Kucha Night. Seeking presenters for its New Year's Eve event at Flynn Space, Burlington, during the Highlight celebrations or anytime late winter. Anyone from VSCA wanting to present? For those unfamiliar with the format (20 slides x 20 seconds each), you have 6:40 minutes to share something you are passionate about. Complete presenter form telling what you would like to talk about! Theme for this event is "Optimism." Samples can be seen at: <https://www.pechakucha.com/cities/burlington-vt/presentations>.

Vermont Alliance for the Social Studies (VASS) Conference: Sue Racanelli tabled at this event with two positive outcomes (i) she met James Sturm of The Center for Cartoon Studies (CCS) and they are now in a position to reconsider our request for a comic book (ii) Christine Smith, President of VASS, plugged the traveling exhibit to attendees and, as a result, three schools expressed interest in hosting the exhibit.



National Collaborative for Women's History Sites Trail Marker Program: Laura Daudlin

Completed Entry Form for National Votes for Women Trail. Vermont has strict signage laws but Pomeroy Foundation markers which fund the Women's Trail, do not have to comply. Spoke with David Schutz about Clarina Howard Nichols. Looking into Annette Parmelee information. Will pass everything by Lyn Blackwell and Rachel Onuf.

RESEARCH & HISTORY: RACHEL ONUF

Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) Grant. Lyn, Christine, Sue, and I met with Maja Smith of MajaDesign on November 6 to flush out the outline for the banners in the traveling exhibit. Working on text and imagery, which should be ready January 15, 2020. We have till March to complete several draft revisions before sending it to CVNHP for review. Should receive the banners in April

UVM Center for Digital initiatives. The online archive of primary source materials is gathering momentum and close to completion. Annual Reports of Vermont Suffrage Association will be available soon. Digitizing correspondence now.

New England Museum Association Conference, November 6-8. Spoke about VSCA. Sharing our work with museum staff across our region. Generated great interest. Over 50 people participating.

FUNDRAISING: SANDY DOOLEY

Speaker's Bureau. Launched November 2. Check the website, www.vtsuffrage2020.org. We have 16 speakers. Will be reaching out to those who have not submitted their forms. Looked at websites of New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine – none of them have Speaker Bureaus.

Complications Theater. The second reading of the play, *The Suffragists Reenactment Society*, is scheduled for Sunday, December 2 in Burlington. Next focus on venues and dates. Also, developing ideas for Arts Impact grant to be submitted to the Vermont Arts Council

Fundraising efforts will begin January 2020 with soliciting major gifts from January to March and the community campaign from April to June. Budget \$50,000.

Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Grant (CVNHP). Sue Racanelli.

In the process of getting all the paperwork completed so the contract can be mailed to us for signature. The holdup is insurance. The grant requires us to carry Liability and Property Damage Insurance of limits not less than \$2,000,000 combined (Bodily Injury & Property Damage), \$3,000,000 aggregate, single limit per occurrence. The work plan has been revised with hiring of Grant Coordinator and Educator to be done by February 2020, exhibit ready by May, and school presentations done up to December. As a result of the VASS Conference we may have four schools interested in hosting the exhibit - Poultney, Fair Haven, Otter Valley, and Rice. Need two more. Regarding our grant application with the Vermont Humanities Council – we will receive notification by December 15 if we are awarded additional funding to supplement the CVNHP grant and add additional schools to the program.

How individuals and/or organizations can help: Sandy will get Milton on board and Pamela Kraynak has a contact for Burlington High School.



OTHER BUSINESS

Vermont Bar Association (VBA): Teri Corsones

The Vermont Bar Directory, published in January, and which is in every court house and lawyers' offices will feature the centennial celebration on its cover ▪ Mid-year meeting in March will dedicate one session to voting/suffrage/first women in law. Joint event with Vermont Law School. Panel discussion - fine-tuning plans with Women's Division of VBA ▪ Got in touch with agent for Annette Gordon Reed and waiting for a quote on fee ▪ VBA will help with publicity.

High School Voter Registration Effort: Anne Mixer

Conducted voter registration drives at Spaulding and U32 high schools for 17 and 18-year old students. Held a training session for people interested in this project at Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Our next training is in January. Anyone participating in voter registration drives must be a member of the League of Women Voters. At the VASS Conference we had several teachers sign up for registration drives at their schools. The challenge is setting up a system to train people outside Central Vermont. Can also train folks to go into other places like community action agencies, food shelves, nursing homes, and correctional facilities. We will be working with Capstone in the Spring.

Voter Registration at Johnson: Karen Madden

Vermont State Colleges Student Association (VSCSA) is putting together a Suffrage Trivia Night and Student Voter Registration Drive on September 17, 2020 at Northern Vermont University-Johnson.

Brochures and Bookmarks: Sue Racanelli. Close to completion. Slight delay due to realization that Vermont Department of Libraries logo needed to be added to the bookmarks as they are paying for the printing. Due to late notification, the Department was agreeable to having the line, *Printed by the Vermont Department of Libraries*, in place of their logo.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 30 | 10 a.m. to noon

2020 MEETING DATES

Note: Executive Committee meets one hour prior

Thursday February 20. 1:30 PM

Tuesday March 31. 10:00 AM

Tuesday April 28. 1:30 PM **Venue Change: Vermont Historical Society Community Room/ Barre

Thursday May 28. 10:00 AM

Tuesday June 23. 1:30 PM

Tuesday July 28. 10:00 AM

Thursday August 13. 1:30 PM