



MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 10:00 – 12:10 p.m. (Zoom)

Present

Vivianne Adair, American Association of University Women
Sandra Dooley, Donna Smyers, Dell McDonough, Linda Radtke
Alice Kitchel, Business & Professional Women
Elisa Nelson, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
Karen Madden, Northern Vermont University
League of Women Voters: Lyn Blackwell, Lila Richardson,
Sonja Schuyler
Becky Cook, Norwich Historical Society
Katarina Lisaius, Senator Sanders representative
Vermont Bar Association: Teri Corsones, Judith Dillon

Rachel Onuf, Vermont State Archives & Records Administration
Joy Worland, Vermont Department of Libraries
Amanda Gustin, Vermont Historical Society

* **Presiding:** Sue Racanelli, League of Women Voters

* **Recording:** Lilly Talbert, Vermont Commission on Women

Regrets

Kate Baldwin, Cyndy Bittinger, Miriam Conlon, Edna Curtin
Curtin, Laura Daudelin, Susan Dineen, Sarah Lyons, Madeleine
Mongan, Yvonne Strauss

▪ WELCOME

▪ BUDGET

Sue Racanelli: As of June 30, 2020, VSCA has a balance of \$18,974.03. Expenses of \$462.90 (Treasurer stipend, insurance, and VT Digger press release). Income \$716 (grant from National Life Group and donation from Dell McDonough).

FUNDRAISING. Sandy Dooley

Fundraising in hiatus; however was able to raise funds to cover ad in Seven Days. Vermont Women's Fund initiating #VWF100for100 campaign, we wish to support that and avoid seeking funding from same sources.

On VSCA website, lots of members are not listed alongside their organizations. Very helpful with fundraising to demonstrate high level of participation from members. Please let Sue know to list your name.

▪ DISCUSSION

VSCA Anti-Racism Statement: *Sandy Dooley*

This project started with an ad hoc group – Madeleine Mongan, Pamela Kraynak and Sandy. Draft was submitted to the Executive Committee and then emailed to all members for review and comment.

Discussion from members at the meeting brought forth a number of recommended suggestions which were approved and/or excluded by consensus. Sandy thanked everyone for their careful consideration and will incorporate suggested revisions before emailing it, once again, to all members for final review. It will then be placed on our website.

▪ EVENTS & PROJECTS

Suffrage Centennial videos by Senator Sanders' media staff. *Katarina Lisaius*

Sen. Sanders appreciates our work to raise awareness about the centennial. His media staff is producing a video about the commemoration and the work left to do. It will be less than four minutes long, with interviews from Lyn, Sue, Ericka, Dean Shirley Jefferson, and Cary Brown who will talk about the history,



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voter suppression, and protecting the right to vote. The plan is to complete interviews by next week and unveil around mid-August. The video will be posted to the Senator's FB site and YouTube. Will send links with text; it's public content to repost; Sue will share with membership. Also, looking to submit a Congressional Record statement.

Comments: Sandy suggesting pitching it to Fran Stoddard for a tv show/PBS. Dell McDonough wondered about access to uncut videos, for use in February 8? She will talk with Katarina in January. Amanda Gustin, VHS is producing videos collections with object about women in politics

Suffrage Scramble 5K Run/Walk. Donna Smyers

Sign ups at 129 now. Aiming for 300. Most of the signups from East Montpelier and Calais. Lilly working tirelessly in helping with promotions – print media, social media, radio and television stations. We need members to share the Scramble with their networks and post on Front Porch Forum. Sashes are being printed. Doing a mailing party or folks can pick up. Coupon code from Untapped in the email confirming participation. Cabot Cheese offered three \$25 gift baskets to raffle. Donna recorded 30 second public service announcement. Donna is being interviewed today on Essex Reporter.

Comments: Sandy will pitch to Other Paper, Amanda – use reporter Madeline Clark

Comic Book project update. Lyn Blackwell

Executive Committee met and we are suspending the Comic book project, because the content provided was not what was expected. No decision on going forward.

Play: The Suffragist Reenactment Society. Sandy Dooley

Contract has been sent to director and producer for signature. Concluded the play should be seen and is not compatible to virtual presentation. They are considering producing something on suffrage - no longer than 10 minutes focusing on African-American and Vermont suffragists in the fall, but are not promising, as this is new technology and a new medium for them.

Comment: Becky Cook suggested Northern Stage might be able to help them

Voter Education. Sonja Schuyler

The League is working diligently on voter education on mail-in voting in the primary and general elections and having a presence on Instagram and Twitter. Put in a full-page ad in Seven Days. Materials have been translated into Chinese, Somali and Nepali. Hired a Coordinator. We have a student who wants to do psas and videos for us.

Comment: Elisa Nelson. In Burlington, ballots were translated in six different languages; speak with Amy in City Hall.

Seven Days Ad - Suffrage Amendment Centennial & Voting. Sandy Dooley

Members received copy for a half-page ad to draw attention to the Centennial to review prior to the meeting. Melinda Moulton of Main Street Landing will fund the ad. Members viewed the ad at the meeting and had an excellent discussion over suggested revisions. Sandy thanked everyone and will add a title to the ad and send it to Melinda for input before placing the ad in Seven Days.

Governor's Proclamation. Lilly Talbert

Has been submitted, and his staff is not scheduling more than a couple of weeks out from event dates. We'll issue a press release at minimum, and will explore more options as time draws closer.

VT Edition guest spot. *Lilly Talbert*

Rachel, Sue and Tabitha are tentatively scheduled.

Social Media Volunteer Andrea Olson moving on after the Suffrage Scramble. Huge thanks her for serving us long and well. We'll need to search for another volunteer to assist with VSCA's Facebook and Instagram.

Seven Days Suffrage Amendment Centennial Focus. *Sandy Dooley*

Contacted publisher Pamela Polston to persuade her that the suffrage centennial should be a large focus of the issue which comes out on Wednesday, August 26. Lyn's work in Enosburg Falls; Clio website 19 objects exhibit; Play; Cartooning for suffrage with Susan Ouellette to convey attitudes; adding suffrage to Day Trips. Welcome other ideas.

• OTHER BUSINESS

Laura Daudelin Report: National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS) National Votes For Women Trail

Since Clarina Howard Nichols has been added to NCWHS, Laura Daudelin received, a 13x2 plaque to be added to the bottom of the already existing Clarina Howard Nichols VT Historical Marker in West Townshend. Emailed Laura Trieschmann, VT State Historic Preservation Officer, to seek permission to attach the plaque to the bottom edge of the existing site marker and, after discussion, mailed the plaque to her so that she could create a sample in order to see exactly what an existing site marker would look like after the addition of the plaque. To those who don't know, the plaque has a QR Code so viewers at the site marker can hover over the code and be directed to the National Votes For Women Trail.

Lyn Blackwell researched and provided a bio of Lucy Daniels of Grafton, VT which was sent to the Trail's Project Manager, Denise Ireton, for review prior to submission for a Pomeroy site marker (the Trail would like to have at least one Pomeroy marker in every state). The submission and approval process has changed and become a little more involved, but hopefully we can secure a Pomeroy site marker for Lucy Daniels.

Vivienne Adair. Spoke about the idea of a car parade in February 8; or documenting by video. Dell asking for more ideas and folks who would like to work on this; Ask Governor to record proclamation reading; Katarina's video; play rehearsal; Vermont suffrage movement history.

Next Meeting (Online)

Thursday, August 11 at 1:30 p.m.