

Plymouth Area Democrats
Minutes of the Meeting, September 26, 2012

After a delicious potluck dinner, acting Chairman Paul Phillips welcomed members to the September meeting at 6:30pm. Paul recognized the long list of elected delegates and current, hopeful, and former representatives who were in attendance: Martha Richards, Kelley Monahan, Suzanne Smith, Sid Lovett, Jim Aguiar, Judy Wallick, Phil Preston, Carol Friedrich, Catherine Mulholland, Sid Lovett, Marilyn Lieto, Chuck Townsend, Sue Ford, Deb Reynolds, Tink Taylor, Sheryl Shirley, and Val Scarborough (Plymouth town selectperson). Noted as absent was Bob Lamb, candidate for NH Senate District 2, who had another engagement.

Also in attendance were the dedicated staff of the Democratic headquarters – the “boots on the ground”, as Paul described them: Jayson Joyce and Adrienne Spiegle – and Annie Kuster’s “boots”, Luke Siebert.

Paul then expressed our thanks to Kenyon Karl, who videotaped the evening (see links below). He also extended thanks to the three gubernatorial candidates, who joined us at our last meeting on June 21 – Jackie Cilley, Maggie Hassam, and Bill Kennedy. He also recognized the presence of the news media and gratefully appealed for civility from all parties during our meeting.

Paul expressed the recognition that New Hampshire is, indeed, a battleground state – a fact demonstrated that the “Fab Four,” the Obamas and Bidens, were in NH the very day after the convention for a rally. At this point, the results of the presidential election in NH are too close to call. Paul appealed for support of the PAD contribution to the OFA office in Plymouth and asked for generosity as the blue buckets were passed from table to table.

Paul then passed the microphone to Deb Reynolds who spoke on behalf of Maggie Hassan. Deb also recognized the contributions of Jackie Cilley and praised her for offering to be Maggie’s campaign co-chair immediately after the primary.

FIRST SPEAKER: JEFF McLYNCH, Director of the NH Fiscal Policy Institute in Concord. Jeff passed around copies of his PowerPoint presentation and addressed the issue of CACR 13, the “Income Tax Bar”, which will be on the ballot on November 6.

FEATURED SPEAKER: ANNIE McLANE KUSTER, candidate for Congress, District 2. Annie spoke briefly, expressing the core values of her campaign and thanking everyone for such rousing support. She then answered questions from the audience.

Videos of both speakers were graciously created by PAD member Kenyon Karl. Links to the videos can be found on the PAD website and at <http://pad.webege.com>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. We estimated approximately 60 to 70 people attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Weston, Secretary

