

PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS

General Membership Meeting

May 24th, 2023

Attendees

Joyce Watson Chair, absent

Val Scarborough, Vice Chair

Jane Helfrich, Secretary, absent

John Richards, Treasurer

Jay Scarborough, Communications Officer, absent

Gunnar Baldwin, Technology Officer

Attendees

See sign-in sheets.

AGENDA

WELCOME. Val called the meeting to order, recognized notables and welcomed new members. The minutes of the April 26th general meeting were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT. John reported the PAD bank account balance as of May 21st, 2023, was \$5872.51. John also made a request for donations to PAD.

UPCMING EVENTS. Val announced upcoming events: the next general meeting is scheduled for June 28th, a speaker is yet TBA. The Ashland Parade is July 4th, other summer events include the Rumney Old Home Day. Val encouraged members to look for more information on the PAD website, PAD Facebook page and newsletters.

NH SCHOOL FUNDING FAIRNESS PRESENTATION. Jen Boylston a member of the Board of Directors of the NH School Funding Fairness Project provided an overview of the project which advocates to make school funding more equitable for students and taxpayers. The project's position is that taxpayers and students are not treated equitably or fairly. The problem is getting worse, and the current system is unconstitutional. Jen reviewed the role of property taxes in funding and resulting inequities, the enormous gap between state aid and actual school costs, and the consequences and implications of New Hampshire's current school funding system. Ms. Boylston's presentation was comprehensive and detailed and generated much interest among the attendees. A copy of her Power Point presentation which includes recommended steps ahead is available on the PAD website and can also be viewed on YouTube.

Meeting adjourned after brief Q and A at approximately 8pm.

Jane Helfrich

PAD Secretary

List of Attendees on following page

Attendees:

Ahern, Jan
Baldwin, Gunnar (Sr.) & (Jr.)
Baldwin, Heather (Rep.)
Bourgeois, Karen
Daniels-Campbell, Sarah
Erglund, Gary
Estes, Gigi
Fellows, Sallie (Rep.)
Franklin, Bill
Fuentes, Sebastian
Hedberg, Katie
Heuser, Carole
Legier, Jen
Lieto, Marilyn
Lieto, Lou
Machanic, Mike
McCool, Gary
Murphy, Ann
Penny, Stanley
Rand, Steve
Reynolds, Deb (Hon.)
Richards, John
Riven, Dave
Scarborough, Val
Shirley, Sheryl
Taylor, Fran
Taylor, Tink (Hon.)
Wolff, Ken
Wolff, Jackie