

PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS
General Membership Meeting
March 27, 2024

Attendees

Joyce Weston, Chair
Val Scarborough, Vice Chair
Jane Helfrich, Secretary
Bill Nesheim, Treasurer
Jay Scarborough, Communications Officer
Gunnar Baldwin, Technology Officer

Robin Campbell
Sallie Fellows
Katie Hedburg
Tom Helfrich
Lance Keene
Mike Liberty
Gary McCool
Jason Neenos
Bill Nesheim

Sara Daniels-Campbell
Melanie Nesheim
Becky Noel
Mike Parsons
Paul Phillips
John Richards
Martha Richards
Becky Salemsen
Eleanor Spencer

Griffin Coes
Larry Spencer
Fran Taylor
Tink Taylor
Amber Campbell Voss
Sally Widerstrom
Jackie Wolff
Ken Wolff

AGENDA

WELCOME. Joyce Weston called the meeting to order and welcomed all PAD members as well as newcomers to the meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING.

MINUTES. The minutes of the February 28, 2024, general meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Bill Nesheim provided a treasurer's report. He reminded attendees of the need for contributions. Although PAD's current bank balance is approximately seven thousand dollars, funds are needed for the anticipated increase in expenses due to the Presidential, gubernatorial, and other local election campaigns. Bill also reminded members of the option to contribute via ACT BLUE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Joyce advised the members that Democrats are still looking for candidates for House District 6 and Senate District 7. However, Joyce also noted progress: there are two new town committees — Rumney and Orford. We still need town committees in Alexandria and Hebron. PAD also needs office space for the campaign headquarters, preferably on Plymouth's Main Street. Looking ahead, the April meeting will feature Third Act speaker Melanie Nesheim, on the topic of climate change, and for the June meeting, we are hoping to host a forum with the gubernatorial candidates, location TBD but maybe at the Barn on the Pemi location.

PAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS. Val Scarborough reviewed the election guidelines, informed the members that nominations would be accepted from the floor. Val presented the slate of nominees: Joyce Weston for Chair, Jane Helfrich for Secretary, Gunnar

Baldwin for Technology Officer. There being no nominations from the floor, Val called for separate votes on each position. The slate of nominees noted above were each unanimously elected to the positions sought.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT. Joyce introduced Paul Phillips who spoke briefly about his history with PAD and how gratified he is that the organization is successful. He thanked all those who were running for office. He introduced Jason Neenos, a younger man who ran for Plymouth Selectboard in March and who is interested in being more involved.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATE. Joyce introduced Mike Liberty, candidate for Executive Council District 2. A New Hampshire native, business owner, and cancer survivor, Mike spoke about his background and priorities: Reproductive Care, Public Education Funding, Affordable Housing, Modern Transportation, Working Families, and Technology Innovation.

PROGRAM. Joyce introduced the meeting's program "LGBTQ+ Everyday Inclusivity Considerations". The guest presenters were Dr. Stephanie Sprout and Dr. Aimee Pascale, both faculty members at Plymouth State University. The presentation covered important information about gender, gender identity, sources of bias, the spectrum of sexual identity, sexual orientation, common therapeutic techniques (surgery, hormones), the importance of educating ourselves, and treating all persons with compassion and respect. *To view the entire slide show presentation and hear the presenters commentary go to the PlymouthAreaDemocrats.org website.*

NEXT MEETING. April 24.

Jane Helfrich
PAD Secretary

