## **PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS**

General Membership Meeting May 29th, 2024

## ATTENDEES

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

Gunnar Baldwin, Sr. Heather Baldwin Karen Bourgeois Gigi Estes Sebastian Fuentes Katie Hedberg Carole Heuser Anne Hunnewell Dick Hunnewell Roz Lowen

- Gary McCool Janet Metcalf Natalie Murphy Melanie Nesheim Becky Noel Dick Osborne Stephanie Osborne Deb Reynolds John Richards Martha Richards
- Sheryl Shirley Eleanor Spencer Fran Taylor Tink Taylor Sally Widerstrom Ken Wolff Jackie Wolff

## AGENDA

WELCOME. Joyce Weston called the meeting to order and welcomed PAD members and new attendees to the meeting.

## BUSINESS MEETING.

MINUTES. The minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, general meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Bill Nesheim provided the treasurer's report. He reminded attendees again of the increased need for donations during the campaign season and the option to contribute to PAD via ACT BLUE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. PAD continues to research office space for the campaign headquarters, preferably on Plymouth's Main Street. Jane Helfrich gave an update on the rental availability status. Please contact Jane or Joyce if you have any "leads" on a main street or local rental space.

PROGRAM. Jason Neenos, a PSU professor and candidate for New Hampshire's 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district appeared briefly via video and discussed his campaign platform.

The evening's main speaker, Chloe Maxmin, climate activist, and Harvard graduate who grew up in rural Maine discussed her decision to run for state office in Maine. Ms. Maxmin was elected to the Maine legislature, and served in both the house and senate. Ms. Maxmin authored *Dirt Road Revival*, a well-received and reviewed book about the "how the left abandoned rural Maine" and the importance of listening to voters, finding common ground, and rebuilding progressive politics in rural areas.

NEXT MEETING. June 26th.

Jane Helfrich PAD Secretary