

Plymouth Area Democrats
General Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2019

Jay called the meeting to order 6:15 PM and introduced the dignitaries in the room.

There was an announcement that we are offering childcare in the back room for anyone needing it, and a plan to offer it at meetings moving forward.

Paul Phillips was recognized for his service as treasurer and the board thanked him with a potted orchid and card. Ron Goggans was introduced as Paul's appointed replacement to finish out Paul's term as treasurer.

Jay made an announcement that we are rolling out Program Leaders program for specific areas of concern within the confines of PAD duties. Emma Van Ness was confirmed as our meeting program leader, and she will plan our General Meetings content.

Jay announced that a Bernie Sanders rally was just confirmed for Sunday, September 29th, at Silver Center on PSU campus, program starts at noon.

Sarah Daniels Campbell, Grafton County Chair, gave us an update. We sold nearly \$300 worth of buttons at the Convention. Proceeds to help pay for the Dems booth at the Haverhill Fair next year.

Floor was open to comments:

Josh A. announced that Sununu agreed to the Dem budget, the Speaker signed, and it is being sent to the Senate. Should be passed by the end of the week.

Sarah announced that on Oct 17, in Hanover, there will be a training on the process of being a delegate. There was a question about paying. She said that Slate will give her an answer and she will put it in the next newsletter. She also suggests posting on our PAD FB page to organize carpools for anyone interested in attending.

Ron Goggans announced a plan to help town chairs get organized and he and Mike Mechanic are currently developing materials to organize community groups similar to Campton Forward. If anyone is interested, they should be in touch with either of them.

Sally Fellows talked about the budget. That it was through our election efforts to get Dems in the House, that we can be proud of the budget. The budget includes top priorities of education funding and property tax relief. \$35 million more to go to schools, \$20 million more going to municipalities for spending at their discretion.

Dick Osbourne announced he had brought with him a list of all towns and the amount of additional funding they will be receiving, if anyone is interested in looking at it.

Fawn Gaudet announced the Bee Bill got tabled last session. It is currently being studied. On October 8th, at 8AM in room 303 on the Leg. Building people can show up and show their support for this important bill.

Mike began our program for the evening, by introducing each of the presidential campaigns represented in the room, and each organizer got a few minutes to talk about their candidate. After which we were free to visit the tables and ask questions.

Present were:

YANG (Sam): talked about Yang's proposal for a Freedom Dividend

BETO (Jared): climate change policy, gun control and immigration are among Beto's top priorities

CASTRO (Peter): his People 1st policy and protecting marginalized communities

KLOBUCHAR (Sam): infrastructure, climate change and acidity on the Seacoast. Talked about her progressive record and is "in touch" with middle states

BIDEN (Natalie): strong record on issues effecting marginalized communities

DELANY (David): talked about his A.I. policy, infrastructure, and plan to move businesses to smaller towns

TULSI (Nitya): she takes on PAC money. Belief in service above self. Money wasted on wars should be used instead to rebuild infrastructure. veterans are dying

BERNIE (Abby): announced their office in Plymouth. Taking on big insurance companies is a top priority

WARREN (Jonathan): talked about her grassroots election efforts. Focus on electing down-ballot

CORY (Caroline): leads with empathy and passion, mending political divides

KAMALA (Jeff): inspiring

An announcement was made that PAD has buttons for sale, and proceeds go to support local candidates.

Attendees were then able to visit tables and talk to candidates' local reps.