

Plymouth Area Democrats

General Meeting

Wednesday, October 24th, 2018

Jay began the meeting by reporting our fundraising figures to date. In the past 6 months PAD has raised \$9421.94, and spent \$12,388.20 on the campaign. He stated that this PAD board has made a commitment early on to use our funds to support our candidates, rather than to keep a substantial balance in the bank.

Jay informed the membership of our current focus changing from fundraising to GOTV activities and supporting the coordinated campaign.

Jay made a plea for door knockers and phone callers during this weekend's GOTV activities.

Additionally Jay made a plea for election night vote-getters and sign holders.

We have posted in our front office window each town's ballot. As well as information from the League of Women Voters on the two ballot questions in our front window.

Jay made an "ask" directed to our membership for space to store all office items for PAD.

Martha Richard was introduced and spoke about the Keep the Heat On event, on Jan 16th. Proceeds from this event serves 15 local towns. She reported that one donor just pledged \$10,000. To date this event has raised over a quarter of a million dollars in the 14 years it has been in existence.

The candidate Forum began with an introduction of Mike Cryans, who served 19 years as county commissioner, now running for Executive Council.

Next up was Bill Bolton. They have knocked on over 3000 doors to date.

Dick Osborne reported there is more work to do getting out the dem vote in Campton. The current regime is very much entrenched. It will take a bit of effort to turn this town blue.

Joyce Weston talked about her campaign and her focus on Business Development

Sally Fellows reported that Alaska and NH are the only states with BOTH no sales tax and no personal tax. However, AK has the gas/oil industry money to make up short fall. In NH, 72% of the education budget is paid for by property taxes. 21% of education is paid for by our state government. She wants to update the rebate of property tax taxes for low-income citizens. She also wants to increase State per-pupil payout from \$3000 to \$7000 to match what charter schools are getting. She also supports gun-free zone.

Suzanne Smith talked about her campaign and her ability to work across the aisle in Concord to get things done. She has been very successful at this. She's currently on the Resources Committee, which is the charge of water, trails, Etc. And also the Judiciary Committee.

Tejasinha talked about his vision of a community that will serve his children and grandchildren. Including freshwater, air, soil, health care, jobs and a fair economy. He supports amendments for local self-government and supports worker-owned businesses, healthcare reform, and municipal government reform.

Catherine Mulholland talked about her past experience in Concord. She is pro broad-based tax.

Josh Adjutant from District 17 wants to make New Hampshire a more affordable place to live and is looking to roll out his Medicaid expansion supplementation program, should he be elected to Concord.

Candidate forum concluded.

Mike Mechanic talked about the importance of GOTV activities over the next week. Made a call to anyone with any time to come in and volunteer in the office to knock on doors, make phone calls, Etc..

Sarah spoke about the idea of putting an ad in the local Plymouth Enterprise for our candidates. There was interest and some discussion about other publications to consider. Sarah stated the ad would cost \$316. Made a plea to the membership for donations and a bucket was passed.

Meeting adjourned.