

Vermont Progressive Party State Committee Meeting

August 15, 2020

- 1) Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Director Josh Wronski, memorialized Nancy Potak and Marge Powers.
- 2) Anthony introduced the newly hired Elections Director, Lisa Gerlach. Extensive electoral work for progressive candidates back to the 2016 Sanders campaign. Will be a resource for this season and hopefully beyond.
- 3) Meet the candidates! Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, Tanya Vyhovsky, Heather Surprenant gave brief introductions. Josh gave brief introductions for Taylor Small and other winners from the primary. Recounts ongoing for Chris Pearson and Elizabeth Burrows. Anthony talked about his Senate race.
- 4) Martha talked about the monthly donations, we are up to 100, not quite but almost sustaining. The goal is to be able to continue to keep Lisa on the payroll. Making the plea to increase those monthlies by \$5-10 a month.
- 5) Meg and David talked about the Governor's race. The challenges of campaigning during covid were discussed. The economic message needs to be respectfully made. David talked about a unified effort from the top to the bottom of the ticket. This is winnable in a Presidential year. Broadband and weatherization will be major issues along with changing taxation to recover some of the tax cut for the public investments we need to make. He wants us to be gracious and respectful of the people on the otherside.
- 6) Josh explained the withdrawal issues around Cris Erickson for statewide offices. Discussion of clearing the statewide ballot to reduce conflicts with the Dems for David's run for Governor. Moved into the statewide ballot. Ed Stanak made the pitch for a nomination, Barry Kade nominated and Jimmy Leas seconded the nomination for Attorney General. Meg made the plea that we should clear the statewide ballot for David. Barry withdrew the nomination. Barbara Nolti concerned about Hoffer's endorsement, Josh explained the issue with Ericson and the windows If and when she withdraws. Chris Brimmer will withdraw from the US House race. Barry Kade floated a nomination for Jim Condos for Secretary of State, Martha said that we don't have to do this now and should ask him first. The motion was amended to have Josh reach out to Condos, discussion of the motion, motion fails to get a second. Josh will watch the Cris Ericson situation and ask about Hoffer.
- 7) Barry Kade motion to adjourn, Martha Abbot second by acclamation.