

Vermont Progressive Party State Committee Meeting February 8, 2020

Meeting attendees: Party Chair Anthony Polina, Secretary Chris Brimmer, Lt. Governor David Zuckerman, Delegates Olivia Brimmer, , Party Director Josh W.

1) Anthony opened at 1:30 PM.

2) David spoke to the State Committee, running for Governor as a P/D. Spoke of the increasing value of the P for candidates. Talked about the Family Leave bill, Minimum Wage bill currently on the Governor's desk. Rural economic development is a huge effort this session. Q and A.

3) Legislative update. Discussion of decriminalization of sex work and natural psychedelics bills working through the house. Retail cannabis has been voted out of the Senate, bill is expected to come to the floor in the House. Proposed changes to One Care, bill in the Senate for major reform leadership has no interest in single payer. Probably no move on nukes this year, current facilities at Burlington airport cannot handle them without construction of new facilities. Card check may move this year, minimum wage will probably be vetoed. Anthony is pushing a climate change bill that will set real goals that would allow citizens to sue the state if they miss the goals, Green New Deal Fund would be paid for though a top bracket surcharge S.11 and there is a House version moving through. There is a bill moving to ban corporate contributions in state elections.

4) Josh updated on the new Legislative Assistant, primary focus on moving the corporate contribution bill. Burlington city council elections looking like the possibility of having a P majority. Nick Clark Thetford now Chair of the SB. 501 c 4's are growing in number and beginning to endorse candidates. There are a lot of ballot initiatives for local communication union districts, we should get behind them.

5) Brief presentation on effective county and town organizing and meetings.

6) Discussion of issues around the endorsement of a candidate for the Presidential primary. We have quorum issues. Marge Power moves that the State Committee meeting of February 8th 2020. Brian Garvey spoke on the behalf of Bernie Sanders. Nick Clark moved a friendly amendment to change to an endorsement with 24 hours to respond for an absentee ballot. Marge moved to have the meeting make a statement of support at this meeting 2nd by Liz Blum. Motion carries by acclamation. Second motion to endorse Senator Sanders and hold the voting open for 24 hours to meet quorum requirements, 2nd by Jessie Waldenville, motion passed by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 4: PM.