

2018-07-12 General Meeting

Meeting Information

- Monthly General Meeting
- Portland Democratic City Committee
- July 12, 2018 and 18:30
- **18 members present** (Chair present, Secretary absent (Sam Tracy filling in for Mike))
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Business

Welcome and Intros, Community Guidelines

- Started at 18:30
- Names, meeting #, favorite summer treat

Approve meeting minutes

- Motion by Wendy, second by Sarah R
- Approved by hand vote, 18-0

Officer Announcements

- Sarah A announced resignation from Chair position due to new job in Unity, ME
- Emily announced she is moving to CA for law school in August, is resigning from Vice-Chair position
- Special election for both positions will be held next month, on August 9, probably at City Hall but TBD. More announcements will follow.
 - Special election will only fill those positions until the term is up, which expires after November election

Treasurer's report

- Sarah R gives report, only covers last two weeks due to other one being 6 weeks
- Main expenditure was final payment for Hannaford Hall for debate

Plan November campaign

- Overview by Sarah A
 - Governor is biggest race
 - CD-1 and CD-2
 - US Senate
 - RCV will be used for federal races, but NOT for governor or state legislature
 - Will be opportunities for work in Portland, across the state, and virtual (phones/texting/etc)
- Isa, Portland / South Portland organizer for Maine Democratic Party
 - Introduction
 - 7/29 marks 100 days until the election
 - Focus is on low-propensity voters (vote in presidential years, but not in mid-terms)
- Breakout into groups
 - Direct outreach to Portland voters
 - Block captain program
 - Recruitment
 - Swing seats
- Kate McLellan from Maine Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign
 - Introduction
 - Mills, Pingree, & Golden are members; Ringelstein is not (could change)
 - Focuses include ID work, determining what issues drive people
 - Commit to vote cards - sign now, get mailed back right before election

Bylaws amendment

- Gwynne introduces for consideration, will be voted on in August
- Passed out sheets, and will provide digitally later
- Summary
 - Introducing possibility of having co-chairs
 - Introducing possibility for officers to temporarily hold two positions, in case there are not enough candidates to fill all seats on short notice
 - Changing wording (“chairperson” to “chair”)
 - Ensuring paper ballots

Other Announcements

- Harlan: second annual Cumberland County Democratic Picnic
 - August 12, 2018 at Kiwanis Beach in Standish, from 2pm-5pm
 - Everything is free, but looking for donors at multiple levels

- Kim: recently won special election for Portland Water District, running in normal election in November and seeking signatures to get on ballot
- Seth: AG Jeff Sessions will be in Portland tomorrow morning, there will be a group to protest

Meeting adjourned at 20:01

- Motion by Seth, second by Sarah R, passed by hand 18-0