

2018-04-03 General Meeting

Meeting Information

- April General Meeting
- Portland Democratic City Committee
- April 3 2018 18:30
- 33 members present (President present [late], Secretary present)
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Business

- Evaluation Model of the Caucus, Emily Postman solicited and posted positive and negative reactions to the Portland Caucus.
- Nomination of state delegates
 - Motion to accept list of delegate candidates by Justin Costa, seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- Democratic candidates for District Attorney (Seth Levy, John Gale, and Frayla Tarpinian) made brief speeches and held an informal Q&A session with the membership.
- Review of Block Captain program (what it is, how it works, the goals), announcement of upcoming training for the program from Sarah A. The suggested design is for PDCC block captains to connect with thirty registered Democrats in their neighborhood-voting district. Interviewing and meeting with these neighbors will foster local community building as well as concrete actions and support for effective voting. This month, the PDCC will train prospective block captains.
- Candidate forum update from Nicole Bissonette.
- Description of State Convention from Sarah Alexander.
- Motion from Gwynne Williams to amend bylaws to amend Article III – Membership, as follows.

Section 1. Methods of Qualifying for Membership.

Any resident of the City of Portland who is a registered member of the Democratic Party may become a member of the City Committee by either:

a) *being on record as having attended* the Portland Democratic Biennial Municipal Caucus, or....

Motion passed unanimously by hand vote

- Motion from Gwynne Williams to amend bylaws to remove Section 5 from Article VII – Executive

Committee, which currently says:

Section 5. Selection of Subcommittee Members. The Executive Committee shall select members of the standing subcommittees.

and to add Sections 4 to Article III, Membership, as follows:

Section 4. Subcommittee Membership.

All PDCC members are de facto members of all PDCC subcommittees.

Justin Costa motioned to amend the motion to strike the words de facto. Motion to amend passed unanimously by hand vote.

Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

- Motion from Gwynne Williams to amend bylaws by adding the following section to Article III:

Section 5. Contact Information.

(a) Contact information for all PDCC officers and subcommittee chairs, who shall be provided with PDCC member email addresses, shall be posted on the PDCC website.

(b) Access to and use of the PDCC email list shall be restricted to PDCC officers and subcommittee chairs doing the business of the PDCC.

Motion tabled with unanimous consent.

Announcements

- Treasurer's report - we took in almost \$1000 at caucus. Current balance is \$3437.84
- Bird-dogging training planned for April 26, 6:00, at City Hall in the State of Maine room.
- Cumberland County Democrats Meeting Apr 22 from 3pm - 5pm, at Westbrook Community Center at 426 Bridge Street. You can still become a delegate to the state convention by attending that meeting.
- Speaker on April 7 getting money out of politics w/ Lawrence Lessig.

Meeting adjourned at 20:03

Respectfully submitted, Mike Desjardins, Douglas Lynch, Gwynne Williams