



Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2020
6:00 - 7:00 PM Virtual via Zoom

- Welcome & Introductions (6:00-6:15)
 - Chair, Charles Skold welcomed attendees
 - 32 Participants
 - Sharing of election stories- how did you participate?

- Business (6:15-6:25 PM)
 - Approval of November minutes ([here](#))
 - Motion Harlan/2nd Joe; approved by majority
 - Reports
 - Chair's Report - Charles Skold
 - Charles is excited about chairing PDCC, the organizing opportunities, and the momentum here in the community
 - Member action will drive our processes over 2021
 - Vice-Chair's Report - Mohamed Abdirahman
 - Mohamed is excited to have everyone here with us and the work ahead of us
 - Treasurer's Report- Kim Walter
 - November financial report ([here](#))
 - Ending Balance around \$3,500 in November
 - Upcoming expenses will include phone bank organizing for Georgia
 - Finance Committee Chair's Report - Joe Zamboni
 - There will be a end-of-year fundraising effort
 - Looking forward to more interest in Finance Committee

- Discussion: What's Next for the Portland Dems? (6:25-6:40)
 - Long-term local organizing needed to promote Democratic values and elect Democrats- what would you like to see from the City Committee?:
 - Suggestions from members:
 - Participation and consistent reporting from our State Reps on the call (when they are available) - keeping up with bills
 - Voter registration drive and voter (and non-voter) outreach
 - Efforts to connect with and help New Mainers



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- Door-to-door to find out what is on voters' minds
- Establish relationships early on with Portland voters
- Think about how to find Portland's first-time voters

- How can we continue to spearhead voter registration?
 - Focus on specific neighborhoods
 - Commit to a couple of days, advertise, be present and have legislators with you
 - Finish with a party, let people relax and be social
 - Consider a voter registration, sub-committee
 - Kim, Meg & Harlan expressed interest
 - Shenna Bellows, as SoS, might promote electronic registration
 - Engaging with local issues
 - Engaging with state issues

- Action: Volunteering with Georgia Senate Runoff Election (6:40-6:55 PM)
 - Overview of Georgia Senate Runoff Election
 - Charles discussed importance of having a majority (or 50) in United States Senate, with a continued opportunity through Georgia
 - Georgia is doing a serious coordinated effort to turn out the vote
 - PDCC can help
 - Shivani will share more
 - Shivani - Opportunities to volunteer - bit.ly/Portland4GA
 - Shivani shared that Portland has a pretty good operation
 - Re-launching call nights for the next 4 weeks, Tuesdays 6-8
 - Substance will be similar to previous call banks
 - Democrats lose run-offs because low turn-out
 - Other opportunities include letters of encouragement for Georgia volunteers on the cycle
 - Winning with Warnock and Ossoff would be monumental
 - Amanda - Helping with Zoom
 - Amanda worked with Coordinated Campaign
 - Will provide the information and links
 - Charles
 - We have four weeks- **consider taking one action per week for the next four weeks!**



- Announcements (6:55 PM)
 - Charles- Thanks to everyone!
- Adjourn (7:00 PM)