



Monthly Minutes

Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

- Welcome & Introductions (6:30-6:45)
 - Popcorn style: 13 Participants
 - Participants shared their name, preferred pronouns, and responded to: *“What is your PDCC New Year’s Resolution? Share one thing you want to see PDCC pursue and accomplish in 2021”*

- Special Election in the Winthrop & Augusta area (to replace the new Sec. of State, S. Bellows): Let’s Elect Craig Hickman to the Maine Senate! (6:45-6:55 PM)
 - Video: Craig Hickman at the DNC
 - Lilly Wilson from Craig Hickman’s campaign shared some info:
 - Running for District 14, multiple towns in Winthrop area
 - Joe Biden won the district by 49% but it is a swing district
 - The campaign is making a lot of calls, hoping to connect with 10k Mainers
 - We want Kennebec to remain blue!
 - There are twice-a-day phone banks looking for sign-ups!
 - There are ongoing trainings available
 - Will Garret, from Pittston, is the main Republican opponent
 - Portland Dems can [Volunteer to make calls](#) for Craig
 - Or [Donate to Craig’s campaign](#)
 - [Hinkmaninthesenate.com](#)

- Business (6:55-7:05 PM)
 - Approve minutes of December meeting ([here](#))
 - A quorum was not available to approved the minutes
 - Minutes will be approved at the next meeting
 - Reports
 - Chair’s Report
 - Democrats won both Georgia senate seats!
 - Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated!
 - Maine put together a Dr. Martin Luther King event that the Portland Dems co-sponsored
 - Charles will share the link for those unable to attend



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- Treasurer's Report
 - December financial report ([here](#))
 - We ended the month with about \$3,400.00
- Discussion: Jump-starting 2021 PDCC Committees (7:05-7:25)
 - Overview of Subcommittee purposes and activity (Charles)
 - Voter Outreach Subcommittee (Meg Lydon)
 - Meg is new to PDCC and aiming to build momentum and energy from last election cycle
 - Identified 3 major goals of the Outreach Subcommittee
 - Increase voter participation, voting, and involvement with PDCC
 - Partnership with organizations in bi-annual voter registration drives
 - Would love to have "all hands on deck"
 - First meeting will be Sunday, 1/24
 - Register with Meg at the link ([register](#))
 - Platform & Issue Subcommittee (Mohamed Abdirahman)
 - The [PDCC Platform adopted 2017](#) will need to be updated
 - We want to take positions and develop partnerships
 - There are no dates yet for this work, but a link will go out to find interest
 - Community Building Subcommittee
 - We will be putting together a Subcommittee soon
 - Social events have been discussed as a way to connect with one another
 - Finance Subcommittee (Joe Zamboni)
 - PDCC is a non-profit that raises money to fund our efforts
 - Gift range from one-time to monthly
 - Some of the ways you can help include contacting and thanking donors and bringing new ideas for fundraisers
 - Sign up for a subcommittee
 - [Interest form here](#) for those who have an interest in committees
- Announcements (7:25 PM)
 - First Voter Outreach Subcommittee meeting: Sunday 1/24 @ 6:30pm ([register](#))
- Adjourn (7:30 PM)
 - *PDCC exec team will stay on the call after adjournment for any further discussion or question from members*