

JANUARY MEETING Minutes

Virtual via Zoom Thursday, January 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

- Attendance: Chair, Charles, Joe, Kim, Barbara, Patricia, Greg, Jill, Harlan, Sarah
- <u>Gather (6:30-6:40)</u> Popcorn style: The Chair invited attendees to share their name, preferred pronouns, and a rose/thorn. The Chair suggested attendees sign up for 4 free at-home COVID tests (www.covidtests.gov)
- Reports & Minutes (6:40-6:50 PM) Skip Call to Order & Agenda Overview but no approval of minutes as we did not meet quorum (6 attendees)
 - Chair's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - December financial report (here)
 - About \$500.00
 - We are discussing fundraising efforts for 2022
 - Minutes approval not completed (no quorum)
 - No approval of minutes of Special Meeting Oct. 3 (here)
 - No approval of minutes of October Meeting (here)
 - No approval of minutes of December Meeting (here)
- Officer Election for PDCC Vice-Chair (6:50-7:00 PM) No quorum
 - The Chair opened the floor for nominations
 - o Harlan nominated himself for Vice Chair, 2nded by Pat
 - Vote tabled to February
- 2022 with the Portland Dems: Caucus and Convention (7:00-7:20 PM)
 - o 2022 Democratic Caucus Update
 - Charles gave an overview of online voting, timeline, and call for volunteers
 - o 2022 Democratic State Convention
 - Charles gave an overview of the purpose, participation and need for delegates from Portland: Run for State Delegate Nomination Form Online
 - You can nominate yourself for others



- 2022 with the Portland Dems: Midterm Election Plan
 - o Policy Advocacy Plan We need to do some voter outreach this year
 - Chair proposed to dedicate February and March meetings to our legislative goals
 - Possible endorsement votes
 - Chair asked for ideas: tribal sovereignty, reforming youth incarceration, or other possible issues to focus energy on?
 - Grayson Lookner is working on juvenile bills?
 - Affordable housing options?
 - Health insurance finance committee bills?
 - Charter Committee endorsements?
 - Pat reported that subcommittees are reporting back right now, and they are planning public hearings in the near future- email is charter@maine.gov
 - Electing Democrats to Portland Delegation and Governor
 - PDCC 2022 messaging & voter outreach
 - Messaging- there is concern about PDCC being negative?
 - Yes, we should avoid it if possible
 - Letters-to-Editor
 - Patricia and Sarah always happy to write letters
 - o Fundraising Plan
 - Reaching Portland voters with our message
 - Funding Get-Out-The-Vote
- Announcements and Adjourn (7:45 PM)
 - Voter Outreach Meeting
 - PDCC exec team will stay on the call after adjournment for any further informal discussion or questions from members