



MARCH MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 7:00p-8:30p

- **Gather - Chair Meg H. (7:00p-7:10p)**
 - Meg led introductions popcorn-style: share your name, personal pronouns (if you are comfortable sharing) and a rose/thorn (share something positive that you have been thinking about, and something challenging).

- **Reports & Minutes (7:10p-7:20p)**
 - Call to Order (did not meet quorum at this meeting)
 - Chair provided an agenda overview
 - Chair's Report
 - Overview of Executive Committee Projects
 - Working to establish relationships with schools in the area to create a Student Subcommittee or at least more engagement
 - Looking into the issue of censorship and book banning
 - We are getting an outside opinion
 - Figuring out a preventative strategy
 - What are countermeasures and efforts?
 - PDCC is also working to create more internal organization and improve our systems to help PDCC function better!
 - Treasurer's Report - Kim W. not present today
 - February financial report ([HERE](#))
 - About \$492.00
 - Issue Sub-Committee will meet March 20th and an invite will go out soon
 - Those interested can email: cleanorlsnyder@gmail.com
 - Minutes approval
 - Approve minutes of January Meeting ([HERE](#)) (no quorum today)
 - Approve minutes of February Meeting ([HERE](#)) (no quorum today)

- **Officer Election for PDCC Secretary (7:20p-7:30p) Postponed**
 - No election held as quorum was not met at this meeting

- **Discussion: The End of the Pandemic Emergency: Implications for Portlanders (7:30p-8:00p)**
 - Presenting: Alex Carter from Maine Equal Justice
 - Overview of Maine Equal Justice Project (MEJP)
 - Alex focuses on health care at MEJP
 - MaineCare expansion will be ending this Spring
 - The SNAP allotments will also be ending that started in March 2020
 - SNAP is determined by income (\$23-\$281)
 - Many folks received additional SNAP dollars during pandemic
 - That will now return to previous amounts



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- Average reduction of Maine will be \$190
 - Big change for many Mainers
 - Estimate is 97,000 households will be impacted
 - Discussion of further impacts
 - Discussion of immigration and SNAP
- Q&A
- Legislative Update (8:00p-8:20p)
 - Presenting: Representative Grayson Lookner
 - Discussed serving on the Housing and Criminal Justice Committee
 - Tomorrow will mark 3 years into the pandemic
 - Discussed “housing first”
 - Followed by Q&A
- Announcements and Adjourn (8:20p-8:30p)
 - Dems Drinks will be Thursday at Urban Farms Fermentory
 - Issues Subcommittee Meeting
 - Those interested can email: eleanorlsynder@gmail.com
 - Next PDCC General Meeting: Sunday, April 9th, 2023; 7:00p–8:30p