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Meeting December 10, 2025, Norway at 6:00 pm

Meeting Report

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm by Chair Donna McCarraher. We had 8 intrepid members who braved the snow storm to show up, Mark James, Helene Ragovin James, Misty Yates, Azalea Cormier, Skip Green, Judy Green, Dixie Waisanen and Donna McCarraher.

First item of business was announcing the resignation of Camden Colby, many expressed their sadness of his leaving, but understood his reasoning after reading his resignation letter. We all wish him luck in his life and next endeavors, even though many of us only got to spend a short time with him, we all liked him immensely.

We discussed the merging of the Events Committee and Communications Committee and pretty much decided we were all it, or it was all us, whatever. Touched on upcoming events which are local town Meet n' Greets. Defined: getting as many democrat people from each town together to talk and get to know each other and express their concerns, with potential guest candidates to speak to some of those concerns. *Plus coffee and snacks! Oh, people from other nearby towns are also welcome to attend, it's not exclusive. Donna and Dixie shared some details of a Mn'G they attended in Lovell, it was very successful, large group, Jason Cherry for Governor, Jordan Wood for Representative and local state candidate Chris Lewey were guest speakers. There will be one of these Meet n'Greets in Sweden on Tuesday, January 6th, at the Sweden Town Hall, 147 Bridgton Rd, Sweden. We will then be hosting one in Waterford at the Town Office Community Room, date, time and details to be announced, then one in Norway! After Meet n' Greets we will have combined caucus meetings end of February beginning of March, stay tuned we have a lot to do and a short time to get there.

It was requested that members be more attentive or ambitious in getting pictures of groups and events working to further our democratic efforts, things that can be posted on our Oxford County Dems website or newsletter.

It was also mentioned by Misty that we should start some kind of data record regarding procedures we use and keep it for reference for future use and new members so that we aren't always reinventing the wheel. For example, I plan to write up the procedures I went through getting our booth at the Oxford Fair, we could use some info on the door to door canvassing process, phone calling procedures, sign distribution/collection with inside tips that we don't learn up front. Some of us can collaborate on these reports.

The discussion of the need for local candidates was again discussed. Members had been asked to contact potential candidates or past candidates, Misty Yates had contacted Linda Miller and Amy Strum with definite "No thank yous", Carol Rothenberg touched base with Carrye Castleman-Ross with same results. Joan Beal, who is on our committee, is also a no. 😞 We need candidates for house seats in districts 79, 80, 81 and 83.

An idea was floated to reach out in our local communities by attending local government or public events with multiple purposes in mind. To attend town Select Board meetings, School Board meetings, County Commissioners meetings, other public facing events at libraries, schools, etc. to get a feel for what is going on in our community and in search of possible people that might stand out as potential candidates. Take notes and report back with findings at our meetings. Sound like an adventure, doesn't it, or a spy movie! (Sorry, that was my personal note!)

Our next meeting is on January 17th at 1:00 pm at the Norway office, it was decided we are going back to daytime meetings for the winter months for obvious reasons, snow and darkness. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Donna McCarraher