

ELIOT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE JAN. 17, 2010 MINUTES

1.) **ATTENDEES:** Jim Schliestett, Betsy O'Donoghue, Tom Markham, Gary Sinden, Bobbi Beavers, John & Kim Reed, Shirley Jacques.

2.) **MINUTES:** Nov. 15 Minutes reviewed, amended and accepted. (There was no Dec. EDC meeting) Discussion on managing Committee Minutes. Drafts of Minutes will go to the attendees of said meeting for review. Minutes will be approved at following meeting. Only approved minutes will go to website and be added as link on the Agenda of the upcoming meeting that goes out to DemTalk.

3.) **TREASURER REPORT:** Given by Gary in Connie's absence. Connie collected \$100 at the December Christmas gathering for the Student Scholarship.

4A.) **CAUCUS** – To be held Jan.31, 2010 at Town Hall. 1:00 for sign-up and voter registration. Caucus begins at 2:00. Bobbi – So. Berwick is at 4:00.

Jim will contact Town Hall about reserving the meeting room.

Wendy will be there to register any new voters. Jim will send notices to media and create posters.

Kim- Need good signage and don't underestimate the need for PA system. Tom will contact Rick Smart about the 'sandwich board' signs he made for EDC. One for Hammond Park

Jim- voter lists will be mailed out with State Dem package, + Wendy will be giving Jim the latest voter list on disc.

Set up at 1:00. Need table to check-in voters and pass out Form 1 forms. Table for candidates' nomination petitions. Table for literature. Table for snacks and coffee.

Kim said there is a young lady (senior student from Marshwood) that stopped at Eliot Festival Dem booth, interested in the Scholarship. Kim will contact her about helping out at Caucus.

Need a Caucus wrap-up meeting. Scheduled for Jan. 24 4:00 @ Jim's (later to be switched to Kim & John's)

Jim, Gary, Donna, Tom, Kim and Bobbi to attend the Thursday YCDC meeting in Alfred to get latest Caucus info.

4B.) **WHO FOR MAINE REP?** – We urged Bobbi Beaver to run for State Representative, she agreed and we voted to endorse her!

4C.) **NEW OFFICERS NEXT MEETING** – Tom – new officers for the town committee are elected at the Caucus usually. If it can't be fit in (like at the 2008 Caucus), it can be done at the next regularly scheduled EDC meeting.

4D.) **WHAT IS THE POINT OF THIS GROUP** –

1.) "Establishing/promoting progressive culture..." There was discussion that using the word "progressive" may alienate the moderates. Further discussion tabled until next meeting. We ran out of time.

Meeting adjourned 6:00