**Androscoggin County Democratic Committee**
**October 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes**
**ROOM A159 Edward Little**

Chris Beam, Vice Chair, made a motion for Alison Harris to chair the meeting in Carl Wilcox's absence. Motion was seconded and passed.

Alison Harris called the meeting to order and led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees (in person and virtual) introduced themselves.

Secretary's Minutes - Cindy Peters made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes; it was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Reports – Mary Roussel outlined the expenses for the month and donations received. Jane Pentheny moved to accept the report, seconded and approved.

Updates and Announcements:

- Postcard campaign - Per Elaine Makas, Lewiston donated $500 to match the ACDC donation of $500. The cards are going to nursing homes and other locations for elderly, and to seniors with information on how to get ballots. All postcards were approved by the Maine Ethics Committee. As she projected being under budget, Alison asked her to give up any excess funds to put toward digital ads.
- Elaine also reported that Bowser with Sha Na Na is coming to Lewiston to do some campaigning for candidates and that Linda Deane has an event at the Local 14 solidarity hall, Western Maine Labor Council.
- Elaine reminded everyone that she is a notary and can assist in in-person voting if someone needs her to come to their house.
- Facebook campaign - Alison Harris provided an update on the digital ad campaign featuring Maine House and Senate candidates. Auburn Democratic Committee donated $400 toward the campaign bringing the total budget up to $850. Local candidates stepped out of the room during the discussion.
- Alison Harris provided the following reminders from Carl Wilcox:

    - Absentee Ballots go out October 5
    - We need to address the suggested changes to our bylaws and will start after the election.
    - Reminder to all to canvassers. Look for opportunities on the ACDC website calendar.
    - Campaign office - Main Street Lewiston
    - Healthcare for All Maine is collecting signatures to put Universal Healthcare resolve on the Maine State ballot for 2027; please sign on your way out.
    - José Miguel Madrigal, a U.S. expat and Democratic volunteer currently living in Costa Rica, is planning to travel to Maine to volunteer with the Androscoggin County Democratic Party. He is eager to connect with volunteers on the ground.
- Canvass opportunity - Maine AFL CIO is launching volunteer canvasses every Saturday in October from Electricians Hall in Lewiston, 238 Goddard road, 10-2 next two Saturdays.
- Lewiston Question 1, needle exchange - Per Margaret Craven, Dems are urged to vote No on Question 1 on the Lewiston ballot as needle exchange as outlined doesn't reduce disease or save money.
- Dylan DePaul - needs volunteers to help with calls regarding Matt Dunlap. He represents a very rural district so the calls make a difference. He will send info to Carl re: phone banking.
- Sarah Trites provided thanks for Zoom meeting access.
- Dana Staples needs drivers and will send information to Alison to be included in an email to members.

New Members - no new member requests

Adjourn - Chris Beam made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded, approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

**Next meeting: November 5, 6:30 PM Edward Little Highschool, Room A159**