

Boston Ward 5 Democrats - November 19, 2019

The regular and duly noticed November meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was called to order by Chair Sharon Durkan (the Chair).

Approval of Minutes

Corrections to be made to the minutes: Greg Maynard was elected as a member - change NOT to NOW. Diane Barry moved that we accept the October minutes with this correction. Second by Dan Lyon. Motion passed and minutes are accepted.

Membership

No one qualifies for nomination or election this month.

Dan Lyon also asked for a correction to the membership list, which should show him as an elected member rather than an associate member. The Secretary noted the request and will take care of it.

Treasurer's Report - Fundraising

Bob Binney delivered the Treasurer's Report. Ward 5 has just a little over \$2,0000 in the bank. We spent just under \$1K on the mailing to our Ward 5 areas for our candidates in the recent Boston City Council election. There's a pending expense for the stamps used. The Chair reported that our candidate support letter was well received - we got a lot of compliments on it. The audience of the letter was people who voted in 2018 and 2019 prelim.

The Chair reminded the members and guests that the Ward 5 Holiday Party was coming up on December 17. It's a mini-fund raiser - it's one of the ways that we refill our coffers. The suggested donation at the door is \$15. We have a policy that none of our events are closed. It's also a designated by the Secretary as "meeting equivalent" event - members and associate members will get a meeting credit for attending.

Elections Report

Jon Spillane reported on his experience working for City Councilor elect Kenzie Bok's campaign. In addition to this view of working inside the campaign, Ward 5 fielded volunteers, did poll dressing and handed out palm cards for Kenzie in District 8. We're sure that it made a huge difference to have a Ward 5 presence at the polls. Voter turnout in Ward 5 was just over 15%. The Chair has the election results precinct by precinct.

The Mejia-St. Guillen Recount: Ward 5 found signers for Alejandra's papers because she was endorsed by Ward 5. All of our signatures were accepted, which is unusual and speaks to the quality of our effort. Currently, the recount shows Alejandra behind by 8 votes. There's going to be a precinct by precinct recount over 2 days and the St. Guillen campaign is looking for 20 to 30 volunteers per day. We're taking names for volunteers for Alejandra. Shifts are 3 or 4 hours. You may be in Ward 5 or we may offer our volunteers to help out in other wards.

Ward 5 nominated a slate of Ward 5 elected members for the presidential ballot - see agenda list for the order in which they will appear on the ballot. The Elections Department said there were no edits and accepted all of our nominees. Our nominees will be on the ballot on Super Tuesday. As of that date we start with a clean slate: as of that date, there are no members of Ward 5. The members elected on Super Tuesday become the Committee. Those elected members then elect the associate members. **This means that if you're on the Super Tuesday Slate you need to come to the March Meeting!**

Presidential elections: Massachusetts is usually where the campaigns find volunteers to work on their campaigns in New Hampshire. If there's a candidate you would like to work for, we can help you hook up with a campaign. As a Ward, we usually turn out post primary for The Candidate.

Massachusetts State Democratic Convention for next year: We will be holding our caucus on Saturday February 22, at 11 am at Old South Church.

Democratic National Committee Convention will be July 13-16 in Milwaukee. There are two ways to get elected to serve - elected at your caucus or by the State Committee as an At Large delegate. Caucuses are by Congressional District and you have to say who you're supporting because slots are allotted to specific candidates, with the number of candidates allotted to each candidate calculated based on their primary election results. If you don't make it at the Caucus, you can apply to the State Committee to serve At Large. To win at a caucus you bring voters with you. If you don't go as a delegate, you can still attend as a convention volunteer.

Natalie Heer moved that we adjourn the November meeting, which motion was seconded by Pat McDonough. Motion passed. The Meeting is adjourned.

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Attendance

Members

Pat Amend
Diane Barry
Gretchen Bennett
Andrea Burns
Jeremy Cushman
Sharon Durkan
Kate Gallivan
Natalie Heer
Molly Hitt
Shaon Hucul
Kathy Judge

Guests

Sandra Singer
Andrew Putnam

Dan Lyon
Pat McDonough
John Sties
Jonathan Spillane
David Xiao.