

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

November 19, 2024, Meeting

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held online via Zoom.

Hilary Bacon Gabrieli called the meeting to order.

Membership Matters

September & October Meeting Minutes

September & October meeting minutes. Hemal motioned to approve, Pat seconded. Meeting minutes were approved.

Associate Member Nominations Elected Member

Associate member

No new nominees eligible for membership.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance as of 11/19/2024 is **\$5,715.66**

There are outstanding bills, so this will go down a bit this month.

Saw an increase in contributions outside the committee ahead of the election.

Member 2024 dues: A reminder to participate in endorsement votes, you must pay your dues.

21 members have paid so far for 2024 total \$1280 in membership fees collected.

Budget is covering the stamps for the postcard being sent.

Payment: Ward 5 website has a link to pay for membership (ActBlue).

If not able to pay full amount, contact Bob and/or Rob or Hilary.

TO PAY YOUR 2024 BOSTON WARD 5 DUES ONLINE, GO TO:

<https://bostonward5dems.org/membershipmeetings/>

and click on "ActBlue Contribute" tab; or

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/boston-ward-5-democratic-committee-1>

General Membership Dues: \$60. First Year Membership: \$25; Student: \$25.

Guest Speakers

Reminder to contact Mark Mantell with any ideas about guest speakers.

Ross Levanto

Shared the experience organized by Alex and Kenzi Bok: the 200 people who traveled to Scranton to knock on doors for 4 days.

Women over 55 were enthusiastically voting for Harris; men voted for Trump for perceived strength
The group worked in deep red counties; the diversity of the area was striking.
Shared reflections and learned why people locally voted for Trump.

We need to reflect on the election and the messaging that drove voters to vote for Trump.

An understanding of the swing to Republicans in MA is needed.

Understand and speak to voters.

-Cost of housing is one factor

Kenzie Bok

Stand for conviction.

Reminder that the defeat was on the margins.

Harris campaign had a good ground game; more efficient but not strong enough to beat the 6% national swing.

General reflections

Jay Livingstone: The further away from the presidential candidate, the better Democratic candidates did.

Need to address #1 concerns to voters; in this race was inflation.

Continue to organize.

Do not ignore channels where voters are getting their information.

Group comments on simple messaging was powerful

Need to not forget about those who are most vulnerable, we need to continue to protect them.

Reminder that elections in Boston this coming year; it's time to look forward.

Thinking 1 year, 2 years ahead for action.

Messaging that we don't want you to hurt, we get you.

Messaging to reach voters, new messaging is not reaching male voters.

New dynamics needs to be addressed.

Method of messaging needed to reach the change and economic concerns.

Other Items/Events

Holiday party details coming, Pat is finalizing.

Will be 17 December.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Hilary.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
<p><u>In Person</u> Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Pat Amend Katherine Judge Mary Colette Garippo Katherine Gallivan Kenzie Bok</p> <p><u>Online</u> Sheila Murray Rob Whitney Nancy Street Mark Mantell Kristen Mobilia Jay Livingstone Hemal Sampat Gretchen Bennett Dave Crossman Sharon (Shari) Franzetta</p>	<p><u>In Person</u> Ross Levanto Shyam Gopaladesikan</p> <p><u>Online</u> Ben Starr</p>