

Minutes
Carlisle Democratic Town Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendance: John Ballantine, Kenneth Deitch, David Erickson, Bridget Ferrari, Rebecca Morris, Frank Rigg, Dan Scholten, Bob Wallhagen, Launa Zimmaro,

1. The CDTC spent time recapping the election, there was no review of the minutes nor a treasurer's report.
2. Discussion.

Erickson felt that racism/misogynism decided the election. Frank Rigg pointed out that Trump won massively among unengaged voters whereas Kamala was ahead among engaged voters. Frank noted that the big deficit came from women not voting.

Ken Deitch pointed out that with all of that Trump did not win by much, The Trump/Harris race was the third closest in history. Rebecca Morris asked why we did not engage the voters who stayed home; some of it was misogyny and racism but also, they did not buy what Kamala was selling (maybe she just did not have to time to really sell it?). Rigg pointed out that Biden lingered about dropping out, leaving Harris too short a campaign. Ken felt Kamala had a wonderful message and a brilliant campaign, her husband helped campaign but Kamala declined an interview with Joe Rogan.

Morris said that Kamala failed to address inflation, but the problem is corporate price gauging, not inflation, also, Trump vastly overstated the scale of inflation (downy towels were \$20 not \$35-\$37).

Launa pointed out that there is a movement to the right across the globe and that there were many factors. Certainly, misogyny and racism but there is much more, we are in a bubble in Massachusetts.

The topic turned to immigrations and while Healy has said Massachusetts will not help with deportations but has not said how we will deal with a Trump backlash. Morris said Massachusetts will not be immune to federal funding cuts.

Ballantine things we need to pick one or 2 issues to focus on.

Ken does not think it Trump will be able to get rid of the Department of Education, especially since Pell grants and student lending goes through the Dept. of Education.

Morris is concerned that Trump will reverse the trend to home care will cut funds to institution who will reducing services for disabled people and disabled access. Anyone relying on home care of any kind will be in jeopardy.

In terms of actions, Ballantine suggests showing up in congressional offices with local people, Morris also pointed out that well financed challengers could get the attention of congresspeople.

Launa believes that they are organizing a women's march for inauguration day.

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm, next meeting will be in January.