

Marlborough Democratic City Committee Minutes
Hybrid Meeting-Zoom/In-Person
New Horizons
420 Hemingway Street
Marlborough, MA
Monthly Meeting March 9, 2024
DRAFT

Officers: Dan Caruso, Chair; Barbara Allen, Co-Chair; Debbie Doucette, Secretary; George LaVenture, Treasurer; Rosalind Baker, Affirmative Action Chair/ Political Action Chair

Attending Members: Dan Caruso, Debbie Doucette, Dave Doucette, Barbara Allen, Pamela McNair, Joan Gregoire, Bob Gregoire, State Rep Danielle Gregoire, Alice Wertheimer, Maureen Fowler, Bill Fowler, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Alex Williamson, Diane Stevens, Roz Baker and Doug Pizzi

Guest: Trey Fuccillo, Ward 6 Marlborough City Councilor, State Rep 13th Middlesex District, Carmine Gentile, Chris Lorant, DSC Disabilities Outreach Committee.

Call to Order: 10:17am

Minutes: Dave Doucette motions to approve February Minutes, Bob Gregoire 2nds the motion Future minutes will be marked "DRAFT" when first sent out. After committee members have approved of the minutes the word "DRAFT" will be substituted for "APPROVED".

Announcements: Mara Dolan, who is running against Marilyn Petitto Devaney for Governor's Council, will be our guest speaker at our next meeting

Communications/Correspondence: We received letter from Leyden DTC Chair, Sara Seinberg, informing us they had passed unanimously a Ceasefire Resolution amid the ongoing United States funding of the Israeli military assault on the Palestine people. They have forwarded this Resolution to the state and national leadership committee chairs as well as MA DNC members.

Dan receives most of our correspondence from other State Dems. Not all are noteworthy. Discussion about how to handle correspondence received by Dan.

Barbara Allen motions: "When the Executive Committee receives correspondence requesting action by the committee, it will be shared with the members who can request that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting." Dave Doucette 2nds the motion.

Dan will write a letter to Steve Kerrigan, DNC Chair, with our displeasure of with the lack of remote participation for the State Convention.

Treasurer's Report: N/A

Budget: Need people to volunteer to be on the budget committee. Annual voluntary dues are due.

Reports of Committees:

Membership: Next meeting is the Organizational Meeting. The Committee will be voting for officers: chair, co-chair, secretary, treasurer and affirmative action chair.

Write-ins for Ward Committee members must be:

- a.) Registered Democrats
- b.) Receive 5 or more write-in votes in order to be elected

On January 31st 90 Caucus reminder cards were sent out to newly registered Dems, only 9 were returned as undeliverable. This was an attempt to recruit new members.

Barb would like to have ward chairs' names & email be listed on our website for contact info. Suggest ward chairs volunteer to do some block/walking (canvassing on foot) in their ward.

NOTE: MA has the highest number of unenrolled voters. Check out the unenrolled on the Marlborough voting list.

REMINDER: Fill out the Delegate Questionnaire on the MASSDEMS website.

Political Action: District Conference voting March 23rd Littleton HS at 1pm. Will be voting for male caucus members.

Hudson DTC/Marlborough Issues Forum – Topics for discussion:
Civic Engagement
Housing

Need to coordinate with Hudson to decide between the above topics. The Events committee will be providing some assistance.

Events : Next Food Drive -- April 27 at Navin's Rink
Signage issue needs to be settled. To stay within the Democratic policy one must purchase a sign from a union shop. Finding a local union sign company has not been easy.

Mid May--Harvard Democratic Town Committee is hosting a fundraiser with us. Looking for a keynote speaker and a venue. We need a good showing of members to help coordinate that day.

Public Relations: Barbara Allen and Alice Wertheimer are working together to update our MDCC website and facebook.

By-Laws: Need to review

Members Forum: State Senator Jamie Eldridge has recommended Pam McNair to attend the 87th Citizen's Legislative Seminar at the State House on April 9th /10th.

US Congress: Lori Trahan will be on ZOOM Monday, March 11th at 6PM

Statehouse:

State Rep 4th Middlesex District Rep. Danielle Gregoire is kicking off her campaign at the Embassy Suites, April 2

State Rep 13th Middlesex District Rep. Carmine Gentile Ran the District Conference in Sudbury

City Council: Trey Fuccillo, Ward 6.

Busy with City budget as well as hiring a Communication Director as part of the mayor's administration.

The developers for Rowe's Funeral Home project now have an agreement with the city to provide more parking spaces for their tenants.

School Committee: Michelle Bodin-Hettinger - Busing Contract will be up next year. Negotiations with administration on Budget. Staffing is 50% of budget.

A Special Education Parent Grp is forming with 40 families and 12 on the Board.

Disabilities Council is making sure the buildings comply with the city ordinances.

Motion to Adjourn by Barbara Allen, 2nd motion by Bob Gregoire

Adjourned at 11:40am

