

Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Virtual Monthly Meeting, July 11, 2020
10:00 am
Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7041529103
Dial-in number: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 704 152 9103#

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call of Officers

Approval of June Minutes

Communications/Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Report of Officers

Committee Reports

Membership/Outreach

Political Action

Press & Public Relations

Events

By-Laws

Legislative Round-Up

Old Business

Standing Committees

Break-Out Meetings

Legislative Forums

New Business

Guest Speaker

Next Meeting – Date? Venue?

Adjournment

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**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Marlborough, MA**

**Monthly Meeting for July 11, 2020
Minutes – Draft**

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

Attending

Members: Dan Caruso, Barbara Allen, Alex Williamson, Debbie Doucette, Samantha Perlman, Alice Wertheimer, Babs Fenby, Diane Stevens, Joan Gregoire, Joan Perlman, Danielle Gregoire, Carmine Gentile, Teria Ellis, Dave Doucette, Pam McNair, Rosalind Baker, Laura Baker, Kathleen O'Connor, Drhuba Sen, Alison Cerato, Donna Scalcione, Ed Pastor, Doug Pizza, Elaine Chont

Guests: Jeanne Cahill; Democratic Candidate 4th Middlesex District

Time Meeting Brought to Order: 10:10 AM

July Minutes: Dan Caruso motioned to accept minutes
Babs Fenby 2nd the motion

Treasurer Rpt: Not Available

Report of Officers: Decision on recording zoom mtg from June Mtg confirmed. Dan motioned to record for notes only then destroy recording. Vote taken-did not reach majority vote. No recording.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee: Barbara Allen
07/09/20 – Zoom meeting to brainstorm activities to get out the vote to include young people, immigrants. Need to hand out

more information/education. Create an outreach of civic education.

Barbara requested that each committee chair email her and she will respond with what tasks they should be doing to recruit people.

Barb will email summary of her meeting to the Secretary.

Political Action: Alex Williamson
None to Report

Communications: Doug Pizzi

Trying to do press release of newly elected MDCC officers. Currently there is not chair for Ward 5. Need to fill that void before new officers can be published.

Comment from Diane Stevens- There is very little new activity on MDCC website and needs updating. Debbie Doucette, secretary, will work on that before August meeting

Events: Pam McNair & Teria Ellis & Michelle Bodin-Hettinger
Focusing on Virtual BBQ with speakers
Comments: Alice W. Bring in Lori Trahan speaker; Town Hall mtg format.
Sam Perlman: Do Overview of early voting process
Babs Fenby: Remember it is a fundraiser. Would pay not to go!

By-laws

By-laws suggestion by Alex W. on Assoc. Member status was deferred to our August 8th meeting

Legislation Round-up

Carmine Gentile: Requesting the House Leader to push the State legislation to stay open thru August to complete passing the following bills thru the legislation instead of holding till September. Too many essential bills outstanding such as climate change & clean energy, police reform, anti-systemic racism and Healthcare access.

“Bill# H3208. Resolutions for a United States Constitutional Amendment and a limited Amendment proposing convention,

would request the Congress to promulgate an Amendment to the states for ratification which would allow Congress and the state legislatures to regulate campaign spending and make clear that corporations do not have the Constitutional rights of human beings. It would also enable a Constitutional convention of be called among the states for the limited purpose of crafting and promulgating a campaign finance amendment for 38states to later ratify. The Citizens Commission which I am a commissioner is has endorsed my House Bill and also drafted two potential amendments to address the problem of large sums of money from juridical entities (non—human beings—corporations, unions, associations) and is now focusing on working with people in the other 49 states to enact a 28th (and perhaps 29th also) amendments”

Danielle Gregoire: Sent Letter to Speaker to request that the the legislator continues working into August to attend to many of the outstanding bills

Samantha Perlman: Marlborough City Council will be holding a public hearing on 7/20/20 concerning McGee’s Horse Farm on Rte 20 East for sale. Prospective buyers want to develop the land to build homes.

Dan Caruso: School Committee meeting 7/14/20 @ 5:30. Discussion on School openings this fall.

Guest Speaker: Jeanne Cahill; Democratic Candidate 4th Middlesex District – Running against Danielle Gregoire. Jeanne is a Progressive Democrat, who promotes transparency in politics, stands for change, safety for immigrants, fix healthcare finance—it is fragmented, need more data from state on Covid-19. Her professional experience includes working as an environmental scientist and data analyst. Wants to empower the youth thru action--they will be our next generation. Currently she is the Affirmative Action person on the Northborough DTC

FINAL COMMENTS:

Barbara Allen motions to focus August 8th MDCC meeting on Political Action/Election
Alice Wertheimer 2nds the motion

Kate Donaghue reminds everyone of Biden phone banks. Meet Monday nights via zoom for updates and info. Meet Wednesday mornings for making phone calls.

ADJOURNED AT 11:25 AM

Next Meeting: September 12, 2020 Virtual