

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee  
Virtual Monthly Meeting, June 13, 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 May Minutes**

**Communications/Correspondence**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Report of Officers**

**Committee Reports**

**Membership/Outreach – Diversity and Inclusion**

**Political Action - GOTV/Political Activism**

**Press & Public Relations – Media Profile**

**Events – Picnic/Barbecue**

**By-Laws – Review, Changes**

**Legislator's Round-Up**

**Old Business**

**Standing Committees**

**Break-Out Meetings**

**Legislative Forums**

**New Business**

**Good of the Party**

**Next Meeting – Date? Venue?**

**Adjournment**

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The MDCC is an elected political entity. In lieu of dues, members are asked to make an annual voluntary contribution in the amount of \$25.00 to fund the Committee's fundraising and political activities. Checks, payable to MDCC, may be mailed to Treasurer George LaVenture, 346 Brigham Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. [Glaventure@Trinity-Inc.net](mailto:Glaventure@Trinity-Inc.net). Contributions may also be made to "Marlborough Democratic City Committee" through [ActBlue.com](http://ActBlue.com). WE CANNOT ACCEPT CASH.

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee  
Minutes  
Teleconference Call  
Marlborough, MA**

**Monthly Meeting for June 13, 2020  
Minutes – Draft**

**Officers:** Dan Caruso, Chair; Barbara Allen, Co Chair; Alex Williamson, Co-Chair; Debbie Doucette, Secretary; George LaVenture, Treasurer

**Attending**

**Members:** See Attached

**Guests:** Kate Donoghue

**Time Meeting Brought to Order:** 10:04 AM

**May Minutes:** Dan Caruso motioned to approve as corrected, Babs Fenby 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

**Treasurer Rpt:** Not Available

**Report of Officers**

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee:**

Barbara Allen and Rosalind Baker requested feedback from MDCC members as to what activities they are interested in and are willing to help set up meetings—looking for ideas

**Political Action:**

Joe Biden became the official Democratic Presidential candidate.

Alex Williamson, Sam Pearlman participated in a phone bank with Kate Donoghue for Danillo Sena, the first Brazilian

immigrant as 37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex district candidate for state legislator. He won by 74% in the primary. Planning more phone banks for the fall election.

Kate is looking for volunteers to work the Biden phone banks in the Worcester & Middlesex area. Every Monday evening people meet on zoom for instructions and socialize then Wednesday mornings the volunteers make phone calls. Building a network is a priority.

Pam McNair spoke on "ONE MARLBOROUGH" an organization that formed a demonstration promoting "Black Lives Matter" downtown Marlborough. Over 252 people followed their facebook page. Events happened on 6/4 & 6/6; over 300 attended on 6/4. Set up organizational meeting on 6/13. Group spoke with Police Chief Georgie and he was very open to the demonstration.

Roz Baker – Spoke of a Courageous Conversation Grp based on the book of the same name authored by Glenn Singleton as a tool to be shared exploring racial language protocol thru the history of U.S. Roz offered to share a power point presentation with us.

### **Events**

Discussion on Annul Barbecue. Drive-by, virtual...the group decided on virtual barbecue via zooms with invited speakers. Pam McNair, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger and Teria Ellis are heading this event and will keep us informed.

Dhruba Sen announced an event on June 19<sup>th</sup> being held at the Rte126 & Rte135 intersection.

### **By-laws**

By-laws suggestion by Alex W. on Assoc. Member status was deferred to our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **Legislation Round-up**

Danielle Gregoire-Working on re-opening state with Governor Baker.

Voting-the House requires every registered voter an early voting application for both primary and general going to senate for a vote.

The state house passed a provisional act to extend the time for restaurants to pay their taxes.

Changes to the MA State flag are moving thru the senate. Symbols of sword and Indian have become offensive in current times.

Carmine Gentile - Early voting dates:

State Primary Early Voting In-Person	Aug 22-28
State Election Early Voting In-Person	October 17-30

**Black – Latino Caucus Submitted a 10 Point Statement**  
The following 3 have been agreed upon immediately.

- Immediately create an independent Office of Standards and Professional Conduct.
- Immediate changes to policy/laws including the following:
  - Abolition use of choke hold by law enforcement;
  - The establishment of an affirmative obligation for
  - All law enforcement officers to intervene in a situation where a fellow officer improperly/illegally use force.
- Establishment of a special legislative commission to study and examine the civil service law and recommend changes to ensure more opportunity for minority recruitment

The remaining 7 points will be discussed and worked out.

**Combating Racism-** Carmine co-sponsored bill that will publish reports on all injuries and deaths by police officers.

**\$300 million** to be approved for repair of state roads and bridges

**Bill to allow uniform method of spraying for mosquito** throughout the state.

**\$6 Billion dollar deficit in Mass budget.** 12 -15% cut in local aid and cut in school staff. State may do a bond. State may begin taxing companies over seas.

**State to extend deadline for Budget.** 1/12 of annual budget will be assigned to July.

Carminc has a conservative opponent in the general election.

**FINAL COMMENTS:**

Barbara Allen is offering free facemasks that she is making.

Alice Wertheimer suggested the zoom meetings be recorded.

**ADJOURNED AT 11:35 AM**

**Next Meeting:**  
August Virtual Barbecue

Adjourn:            11:20AM