

Marlborough Democratic City Committee

Monthly Meeting, November 9, 2019

9am – 10am

New Horizons

370 Hemenway Street

Entrance Door C

Dining Area

Marlborough, MA 01752

(Please park in the 370 Hemenway Street entrance)

AGENDA

Call to Order

Additional Agenda Items?

Approval of October Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Chairman's Report

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Events

Political Action

Press & Public Relations

Guest Speaker – Ava Millona , Executive Director, MIRA

New Business

Campaign Kick-Off Party

Implementation of New Committee Structure

Old Business

By-law Review

Voter Registration Drive

We are a self-funded, elected political entity. In lieu of dues, we ask that each member make a voluntary contribution in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to 'MDCC', to fund the Committee's fundraising and political activities. We CANNOT take cash due to recordkeeping and reporting restrictions. These contributions may be mailed to our Treasure, George LaVenture, 346 Brigham Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. Glaventure@Trinity-Inc.net.

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Minutes
New Horizons
370 Hemenway Street
Dining Area
Marlborough, MA**

**Regular Monthly Meeting for November 9, 2019
Minutes – **DRAFT****

Officers: Barbara Allen, Vice Chair; Dan Caruso, Vice Chair;
Debbie Doucette, Secretary, George LaVenture, Treasurer

Attending

Members: Marilyn Perry, Barbara Allen, Babs Fenby, Donna Scalcione, Joan Gregoire, Samantha Perlman, Rosalind Baker, Teria Ellis, Barbara Shapiro, Debbie Doucette, Dave Pizzi, Dave Doucette, Dan Caruso, Christopher Laurent, Bill Burger, Pam McNair, Jim Eldridge, Danielle Gregoire

Speaker: Eva Millona, MIRA (Mass Immigration Refugee Advocate)

Treasurer Report: No Report

October Minutes: October Minutes Accepted

TOPIC: MIRA; speaker Eva Millona

Largest Immigration Advocacy Institution in New England. Began over 30 yrs ago. With over 130 organizational members and work with over 200 partners. The cap for refugees into the US was 110,000 during Obama's administration and then was lowered to 18,000 due to Trump's restrictions.

Supreme Court will hear the DACA arguments on 11/12/19 and will make decision in 2020.

Bills Supported by MIRA passed by MA Legislature & Senate; Waiting on Governor's desk.

- Work & Family Mobility Act
- Fairness to High Skilled Immigration Act
- Act to Ensure Equitable Coverage for Children
- Safe Community Act

To learn more about MIRA go to their website:
miracoalition.org

State Rep: Danielle Gregoire informed us that our state legislators will be voting on a bill to ban all candy flavored E-Cigarettes from being sold in stores.

Our Committee wants to recognize our newly elected democrats for the City of Marlborough.

Dan Caruso	--	School Committee
Laura Wagoner	--	City Councilor Ward 1
Sean Navin	--	City Councilor Ward 6
Samantha Pearlman	--	City Councilor-at-Large

Congrats All!!

New Business:

Executive members met October 22nd to discuss the Annual Holiday Party. It was determined it was too late to organize a holiday gathering at this point. We will try to reschedule for January 11th, 2020 at either the Villages at Crane Meadow or The Lost Shoe. The title of the party would also need to be changed to something more appropriate now that it won't be during the holidays. The event will be called "Campaign Kick-off".

Old Business:

- **By-Laws;** By-Laws Committee formed include the following members;

Dave Doucette
Rosalind Baker
Marilyn Perry
Barbara Allen

Members to work with Dan Caruso. Look thru by-laws and give feedback to Dan before next meeting. Proposal will be due in February and MDCC committee will vote in March at our city caucus.

Danielle Gregoire will endorse ?

- **Voter Registration;** Kathleen O'Connor will be organizing this event for our group. Will be scheduled before Super Tuesday in February. Setting up of registration booths, researching what community events we could attend. The larger the group the better. Get in touch with Kathleen if you would like to be part of this.

Will update next meeting.

Adjourned 11:45 am