

Marlborough Democratic City Committee Minutes
Hybrid Meeting-Zoom/In-Person
New Horizons
420 Hemingway Street
Marlborough, MA
Monthly Meeting February 11, 2023

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

Attending Members: Dan Caruso, Barb Allen, Debbie Doucette, Danielle Gregoire, State Rep, 14th Middlesex District, Elaine Chont, Joan Gregoire, Alex Williamson, Alice Wertheimer, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Bob Burke

On-Line: Ed Pastor, Doug Pizzi, Bill & Maureen Lori, Donna Scalcione

Attending Non-Members: Druba Sen, Activist

Time of Meeting: 10:06am

Minutes: January Minutes -- Approved by Bob Burke, 2nd by Barb Allen

Yearend State Finance OCPF: Approved by Debbie Doucette, 2nd by Bob Burke

Communications: None

Treasurer's Report: Projected Balance for 2/20/2023; \$2621.50

Budget:

MDCC Chair Comments:

Members are asked if they are aware of any expenses that may occur During the year that should be included in our budget. Please submit By our March Meeting on 3/11/23. (Action item)

Committee Reports:

Membership-Barbara Allen

Membership meeting to be scheduled before March as Barb will be gone the month of March. (Action item)

Topics will be:

- * Plan a Meet & Greet with potentially new members
- * Retention and Recruitment of Members.
- * Send out postcards to newly registered democrats. New voter information can be obtained thru the City Clerk. Postcards needs to be in 3 languages

Suggestion from Roz –

When reaching out into a new population don't push our way into their group. Invite them in. Promote issues of importance to diverse population.

Maureen Lori and Alice Wertheimer offered to help with the Membership Committee

Political Action – Dan Caruso

Replying to incoming email from Facebook and Website.

Create a system that can automatically respond to contact. (Action item)

Public Relations/Public Face – Doug Pizzi

Events should be involved in P/R to support and advertise their mission.

Website needs updating. Roz Baker needs to be listed as Ward Chair on website. Make sure By-Laws are updated to current document. Keep it simple. Alice will work with Bob Burke and Alex Williamson on the website before our March meeting. (Action Item)

State House Reps

Danielle Gregoire, 14th Middlesex District: No Updates

Carmine Gentile, 13th Middlesex District: N/A

City Hall

No attendees

School Committee:

Michelle Bodin-Hettinger: Marlborough Public Schools received accreditation for the next 10 years.

Comment:

Roz Baker; 48% of HS students are in the Advance Placement classes. The schools need to look at the remaining 52% and their needs for support.

MDCC Project 2023 Follow-up

Mission Statement: Michelle Bodin-Hettinger (Action Item)

Demographic Research: Babs Fenby, Bob Burke

Facebook: See Above-Public Relations

Motion to Adjourn: Danielle Gregoire
2nd by Alex Williamson

Adjourned at 11:00 AM

NEXT MEETING MARCH 11, 2023 (HYBRID)

Food Drive –planned for January 2023, need to confirm with the Navin Skating Rink management to use their parking lot. Food goes to the Marlborough Cupboard. Plans to hand out voter registrations and MDCC brochures to the people who donate.

Suggestion: MDCC would benefit a casual get together to bond as a group

Public Relations

Need to update our social media, website

Alice W. and Barb A. will meet in January about website.

Use the Community Advocate to list more of our events with follow-up commentary

Statehouse Round-up

Danielle Gregoire-State Rep 14th Middlesex District

January 3rd was final session of the year and Jan. 4th beginning of new session for 2023 with newly elected members.

Carmine Gentile-State Rep 13th Middlesex District

Not Present

School Committee – Michelle Bodin-Hettinger

Question Joan Gregoire – Is the High School considered an open campus?

Michelle - No

Babs Fenby Motions to adjourn

All Agree

Adjourned 10:45 am

Submitted By:

Debbie Doucette

Secretary, MDCC

January 09, 2023