

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for March 11, 2017 – 9am**

**Marlborough Public Library
35 W. Main Street
Bigelow Room – Lower Level
Marlborough, MA**

AGENDA

Bring Meeting to Order

Additional Agenda Items

Approval of Previous Mtg Minutes—February 4th

Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture
Looking for updates, additions to budget

Committee Reports –

Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley; Handouts
R. Maddow Rpt-7 Muslim countries
Ban

Indivisible-Organize

Education Committee: Dan Caruso & Michelle Bodin-
Hettinger

Outreach Committee: Barbara Allen/Sue Kennedy, MDP

Membership Committee: Barbara Allen/Rosalind Baker

Press & Public Relations Committee: Doug Pizzi, Dave
Doucette & Catherine Hendry

Programs Committee: Speakers if any

Old Business –

Tabled discussions from last meeting;

Alison Serrano

Sue Anderson – Money, budget items, bills

Continue organizing our wards and ward members.

Continue planning for the Caucus

New Business --

Adjourn

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting for March 11, 2017
Minutes - **DRAFT****

Attendees:

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

Members: David Doucette, Doug Pizzi, Carmine Gentile, Joan Gregoire, Danielle Gregoire, Peter LaPrade, Babs Fenby, Alison Serrano, Peggy Ayers, Jeanne Kotsopoulos*, Jayne Wilson, Diane Stevens, Barbara Shapiro, Mary Rainville*, Cindy Brown, Sharon Heishon*, Lee Hettinger, Bob Olkin* and Karen Leighs*

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:10 am

Introductions of 5 new people *

Approval of February Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report –George LaVenture relayed the message from the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) stating that Democratic City Committee meetings cannot use a public building to meet.

This is in contrast with State Reps Carmine Gentile's and Danielle Gregoire's understanding of Dem Committee Meetings.

Treasurer's Report - Approved

Committee Reports

Education Report: Dan Caruso & Michelle Bodin-Hettinger will include the process of city elections and sign ups for early voter registrations for HS students as part of their education program.

Marketing & Communication: Doug Pizzi is submitting a press release this week (3/12) to the local newspapers publicizing our city democratic caucus.

There will also be a press release for US Rep Niki Tsongas speaking at our Town Hall Forum later in May.

Programming; Jayne Wilson has secured our Niki Tsongas invitation to speak in Marlborough. The date will be May 8th at 6pm at the Marlborough Senior Center on 20 New Street. Question-Detail police required?

Kirk/Chair;

Caucus; Will be held March 25th @ 9am Location will be at Kane School. Will apply for rental space

Concern about unenrolled voters flipping from party-to-party at each election.

Taking steps to build up our wards.

ACLU is running Resistance Training---live streaming using the Indivisible Guide to tactics used when marching in protests. A movement has been formed by past congressional staff members to resist Trump agenda and have congress take notice.

Carmin Gentile, State Rep, brought to our attention a bill he is co-sponsoring named "Safe Community's Act" - H.1305 A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1305) by James B. Eldridge, Juana Matias, Jack Lewis, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the civil rights and safety of all. Also known as the Sanctuary.

Barbara Allen will secure a meeting location at Fort Meadow Condo Association Clubhouse, 48 First Street for our next monthly meeting—May 6th. Charge will be \$15.00. There is no April meeting due to Caucus on March 25th.

Next Meeting on May 6th, Fort Meadow Condo Association, 48 First Road @ 9:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am