

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Virtual Monthly Meeting, December 11, 2021**

10:00 am

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Dial-in number: (929) 205-6099

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2021
- III. Communications/Correspondence
- IV. Treasurer’s Report
- V. Reports of Officers
 - A. In Propira Persona
 - B. Nominating Caucus
 - C. 2022 Dues
 - D. MDCC Project 2022
 - E. Exec. Bd. Mtg. – January 5, 2022
- VI. Reports of Committees/Action Items
 - A. Membership
 1. Internal/External Outreach
 2. Membership Materials
 - B. Political Action
 1. Chairperson
 2. Voter Registration
 3. Voter Information
 4. GOTV
 - C. Events
 1. Holiday Fundraiser
 2. Food Drive
 3. Social Justice and Civic Engagement
 - D. Public Relations
 1. Social Media
 2. PR
 3. Media Relations
 - E. By-Laws
 1. Review/Revision
- VII. Beacon Hill Round-Up
- VIII. City Hall/DEC Round-Up
- IX. Next Meeting – January 08, 2022
- X. Adjournment

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

Marlborough Democratic City Committee Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Marlborough, MA
Monthly Meeting December 11, 2021

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, Barb Allen, Debbie Doucette, Dave Doucette, Danielle Gregoire, State Rep, 14th Middlesex District, Roz Baker, Joan Gregoire, Teria Ellis, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Donna Scalcione, Laura Wagner, Ward 1 City Council, Dave Doucette, Ward 2 City Council, Babs Fenby, and Rick Guzzi

Guests: Chris Lorant, Dhruva Sen and Alice Wertheimer

Time Meeting Brought to Order: 10:06 AM

December Minutes: Babs Fenby motions to defer December minutes till January Meeting. Was not received by everyone. Second by Debbie Doucette

Communications/Correspondence: None per Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Accept & File Treasurer Report by Babs Fenby

Comments- Alice W. is still being billed for the Website. Needs to be reimbursed or change ownership over to MDCC

Barbara A. Did you (Dan Caruso) speak with Treasurer about having a 2nd signature on MDCC bank account? Reply: Not yet.

A motion was made by Babs Fenby to move up section VII Beacon Hill Round-up & VIII City Hall/School Committee Round-up further up in the agenda. Motion was second by Barbara Allen. All approved.

City Hall/DEC Summary

Laura Wagner, City Council Ward I: Local RE Tax Rate was set to \$140. Bringing the rate down for some. There is a minor increase of \$72/home owner per year on average.

Dave Doucette, City Council Ward II: Not much more to add. This is a quiet time of year for the council between election and inauguration. Inauguration is scheduled for January 3, 2022 at 10am at the Middle School.

Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, School Committee: Nothing major is going on. Budget process is ramping up.

Questions/Statements

Alice W. - Announcement of community educational forum—"An Act Relative to Anti-Racism Equality and Justice in Education" at 7pm on December 15th referenced in Kate Donoghue's Dispatch

Chair Comments:

Meeting in person. Have not been able to find a place to meet in person. Proprietors are not ready to invite people in because of Covid-19. Perhaps when weather becomes warmer we can use the Fort Meadow building. At some point as buildings begin to open we will be meeting in hybrid, zoom plus in person.

The last date to choose and report a caucus meeting is January 28, 2022. Caucuses can be scheduled between February 4th and March 12th. MDCC Caucus date was agreed to have ours on February 12th at Kane School. Will be a hybrid meeting, zoom + in person.

State Democratic Convention scheduled for June 4th in Worcester.

MDCC dues. Reminder: If there is anything anyone feels strongly about the dues process or amount it can only be changed at the beginning of the year at our January meeting—Jan 8, 2022.

MDCC Project 2022. Organizational/Organic

Organizational: Internal organization, obtaining new members, committee responsibilities

Organic: Our core values and how we put it into action.

Membership Committee; Barbara Allen

Little has been scheduled in Membership lately due to some members being more focused on supporting local candidates. Will schedule a meeting via zoom in January for members who are interested in being part of this committee. Want to prioritize our goals. Would like to see our social media updated and coordinated.

Political Action

Dan Caruso – Have not had anyone step up to fill the Chair of Political Action. Dan will work with the person who steps up to volunteer. Pamela McNair volunteered to be a co-chair.

Reminder: MDCC does not get involved with supporting a candidate until after the primaries per our By-Laws

Need to work on in the future:
Voter Registration.

Events: Teria Ellis & Pam McNair

Holiday Fundraiser put on hold due to covid. Food Drive is still scheduled for January 15, 2022. Time TBD. Will speak to Doug Pizzi for press release and speak to volunteers. Diane Stevenson is going to organize a food drive in her neighborhood and will bring the donated food to the food pantry.

Public Relations: Doug Pizzi

Not present—on vacation

Announcements

Dhruba Sen

On January 6th there will be a Vigil for the January 6th insurrection in Framingham at 6PM downtown Framingham at the crossroads of Rte135 and Rte 126.0

Happy Holidays and New Year to all!

Move to adjourn, Babs Fenby

Second the motion to adjourn, Barbara Allen

ADJOURNED: 11:30AM

Next Meeting January 8, 2022

**Submitted by Debbie Doucette, Secretary
January 5, 2022**