

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee**  
**Virtual Monthly Meeting, May 9, 2020**  
**10:00 am**  
***Free Conference Call***  
**Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5000**  
**Access code: 198923#**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call of Officers**

**Approval of April Minutes**

**Communications/Correspondence**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Financial Report**

**Budget 2020**

**Dues/Contribution**

**Report of Officers**

**Chair - Standing Committee Chairs & Members**

**Ward & Standing Committee Break-Out Sessions**

**Committee Reports**

**Membership/Outreach – Fostering Membership**

**Political Action – Quarterly Legislative Forums**

**Press & Public Relations - Newsletter**

**Events – Virtual Barbecue**

**By-Laws – By-Law Review, Proposed Changes - Art. III, Membership, Sec. 4, 5**

**Old Business**

**Ward Treasurers**

**New Business**

**Legislators' Forum**

**Next Meeting – Date, Time, Format, Location**

**Adjournment**



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 May 9, 2020  
Minutes – Corrected**

**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, Liam Horsman & Danielle Gregoire

**Time Meeting Brought to Order:** 10:06 AM

**April Minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer Report:**

Bank Account Balance as of 4/20/20: \$1634.24

Payment of \$75 to Kane Elementary School for Caucus has been cashed and is being held for possible future use.

2020 Budget Approved

Reminder: members can use Act Blue website for donations or annual “dues” of \$25. Request was made to have this reminder added to every Agenda at the bottom.

**Report of Officers**

**Chair:** Standing Committee Chairs & Members.  
Members volunteered for Chairs for each of the Standing Committees

Membership/Outreach:	Barbara Allen
Political Action:	Alex Williamson
Press & Public Relations:	Doug Pizzi
Events:	Pam McNair & Teria Ellis

**By-Laws:**

**Marilyn Perry**

**Suggestion by Chair (Dan Caruso):** Ward meetings and Standing Committees could have breakout mtgs prior or following our monthly meetings. These meetings are the backbone of our organization. Creates activity and people working together. Please join a committee.

Pros & Cons discussion ensued on communication for current and future meetings via telephone conferencing, zoom and how to handle breakout meetings. Barbara Allen, chair of Membership, offered to head a group of members to gather info for best communication for our members. Dhruba Sen, Lee Hettinger, Roz Baker support zoom format.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee:**

None at this time

**Political Action:**

None at this time

**Press & Public Relations:**

Create a newsletter with updates of our organization's doings, events & accomplishments

**Events:**

Co Chairs Pam McNair & Teria Ellis work with Dan & Babs Fenby on a virtual barbecue

**By-laws**

By-laws suggestion by Alex W. on Assoc. Member status to be reviewed and voted on in 30 days from today, 5/9/20

### **New Business**

Samantha asked MDCC members to participate in a food drive for the Marlborough Community Cupboard. Attached is a list of items that they are accepting (see attachment). Items highlighted in yellow are priority items, specifically diapers, as they run out of these quickly. If you are interested in participating, please email Sam or call her at 508-263-0042 at your earliest convenience to let her know you are

participating. Samantha is able to pick up the items from outside your house and drop off at the food pantry directly. Feel free to encourage others to participate as well. If you are unable to make a food purchase and prefer to make a monetary donation, please donate to the Community Cupboard online at the United Way of Tri-County website.

Marlborough schools have delivered 100,000 meals to students and their families since closure of schools went into effect.

Kate Donoghue: State Special Elections

Dem Candidate;	John Velis,	State Senator
	Election Date	5/19
	Danillo Sena	State Rep
	Election Date	6/2
	Carol Doherty	State Rep
	Election Date	6/2

Phone Banking contact Kate.

Liam Horsman: Markey's local campaign rep.

No in-person campaigning is being done because of covid-19.

Phone Banking; campaign has sorted call lists of local voters in caller's ward for familiarity. Can discuss like issues. **Willing to co-ordinate for anyone interested in phone banking.**

MDCC cannot represent a single candidate till after primary.

**Legislation:**

Danielle Gregoire running for re-election this Fall. Has a Democratic opponent from Northborough. Unsure if enough signatures have been collected. If so, there will be a primary 9/1. There will also be an "unenrolled" candidate from Westborough for the general election in November.

Danielle and fellow legislators have been meeting remotely to get important legislation through; funding for testing at Nursing Home facilities. State has increased people manning phones at the Unemployment Call centers.

**Next Meeting:**

**June 13, 2020. A survey will be sent out to decide time of meeting.  
Reminder that we will need to find a new meeting location after the  
state ends our stay at home command.**

**Adjourn:                    11:20AM**