

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee  
Regular Monthly Meeting for December 3, 2016 – 9am**

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

**AGENDA**

**Bring Meeting to Order**

**Approval of November Minutes**

**Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture**

**Committee Reports –**

Holiday Party-Barbara Shapiro (income&expenses incurred)

**Items for Agenda ?**

**Chairman's Notes:**

Standing Committees and Chairs:

Holiday Party Chair - Kirk Hurley, ex officio Rules Chair

Heritage Days Chair - Dan Caruso

Labor Day Parade Chair -

Out Reach Committee (State Mandated) - Barbara Allen will work w/our State Outreach Chair, Rosalind Baker

New Committees to Add:

Voter Registration -

Education - Dan Caruso and Michelle Hettinger

Publicity - Jayne Wilson

Membership - Barbara Allen, liaison to ward chairs

Programs (speakers) -

Projects (for MDCC awareness) -

**Old Business**

State Democratic Chair Election Result - Gus Bickford

Alice Wertheimer - Speaking on importance of additional

**Committees.**

**Recommendation of a book by Robert Reich that applies to our current political/economic situation**

**New Business - Vote to Approve**

**Meet and greet your State Rep!**

**Beginning with January Meeting**

**Danielle Gregoire and Carmine Gentile have agreed to meet alternate months (Carmine begins with Jan mtg) to stay one hour following our meeting to speak to their constituents. Will offer opportunity to Jamie Eldridge and Nikki Tsongas.**

**Call to Adjourn**

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Minutes - **DRAFT****

**Attendees:**

**Officers:** Kirk Hurley, Chair; Barbara Allen, Vice Chair;  
Dan Caruso, Vice Chair; Debbie Doucette,  
Secretary

**Members:** David Doucette, Alison Serano, Doug Pizzi,  
Carmine Gentile, Joan Gregoire, Danielle  
Gregoire, Barbara Shapiro, Alice Wertheimer,  
Christopher Laurent, Lee Hettinger,

**Visitors:** Peter LaPrade, Catherine Hendry

**Approval of November Minutes:** Approved with correction of Michelle Bodin-Hettinger's name.

**Treasurer's Report** – Balance as of 11/20/16--\$706.47 (report delivered prior to meeting with no treasurer attending).

**Committee Reports –**

Holiday Party-Barbara Shapiro. Financial results will be on January's Agenda. Acknowledged Barbara for her excellent work on the Holiday Party

**Items for Agenda:** Dave Doucette added the news article published in the Marlborough Main Street Journal.

**Chair's Report**

**Standing Committees and Chairs:**

Holiday Party Chair - Kirk Hurley w/volunteers

Heritage Days Chair - Dan Caruso

Labor Day Parade Chair -

By-Laws Committee -

Out Reach Committee (State Mandated) - Barbara Allen will work w/our State Outreach Chair, Rosalind Baker

**New Committees to Add:**

Voter Registration -

Education - Dan Caruso and Michelle Bodin-Hettinger

Press & Public Relations – No Chair; Jayne Wilson-contributor

Recruitment - Barbara Allen, liaison to ward chairs  
Programs (speakers) -  
Projects (for MDCC awareness) -  
Campaign & Elections -

These were voted on and approved by the meeting members

(See Attachment of the new Committee Functions)

### **Old Business**

- State Democratic Chair Election Result - Gus Bickford was re-elected
- Alice Wertheimer – suggested 3 additional committees:
  - **Infrastructure** -MDCC's procedures need to be established to support all other committees
  - **Communications** – Includes Social Media, traditional media, outreach to other town committees. (Publicity&Public Relations?)
  - **Visionary** –“ Who are we?” What are our values. What do we agree or disagree on.

Doug Pizza suggested a Platform be created for our group.

Alice recommended a book “Tales of a New America” by Robert Reich, pub in 1987. The author predicts the world's current political/economic situation nearly 30 years ago. Good book for discussion.

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The above item was approved unanimously.

In reference to the Education Committee, Michelle and Dan are going to investigate what type of civic classes are offered in the MHS and how our group can inform the Jrs & Srs on the workings of the gov't. Tie it into the state pre-registration for 17 year olds.

Peter LaPrade mentioned an upcoming caucus happening between 2/4 and 4/2 to define the MA Democratic platform for the 6/3 Lowell Convention. More information next meeting.

There was a suggestion from the group to invite Gus Bickford, the newly re-elected State Democratic Chair to one of our monthly meetings.

Doug Pizza agreed to be the chairman for Ward 7.

Chris invited us to his Framingham Democratic Holiday Party on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Addition to Agenda**

Dave Doucette informed us that the article he wrote, “how the election divided the country and continues to do so” was published in the Nov 27, 2016 edition of the Main Street Journal. <http://bit.ly/2gWdvSD>

**Call to Adjourn: 10:15 am**