

Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Hybrid Monthly Meeting
Marlborough Public Library
25 W. Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752
September 14, 2024
10 AM

Officers:

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

Attending Members:

Elaine Chont, Catherine Niski, Diane Stevens, Barbara Shapiro, Bob Gregoire, Joan Gregoire, Albert Troy Fuccillo, Dave Doucette, Alice Wertheimer, Babs Fenby, Philip Auger, Debbie Doucette, Dan Caruso, Barb Allen, Pamela McNair, Danielle Gregoire, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger

Guests:

Druba Sen, Jamie Eldridge, State Senator; Aayush Bajpai, MA for Mental Health Options-(Question 4 on Ballot)

Call to Order: 10:07 AM

Minutes to Approve:

Following dates are missing meeting minutes **4/13/24, 5/11/24, 6/08/24**. Executive Mtg Minutes 6/14/24.

Financial Report:

George LaVenture is creating the Financial Report for the Postcard Project for analysis, income vs costs.

**Committee Reports/
Action Items/Strategic
Plans**

A. Membership:

1. Organization paperwork for Ward 4 has been received by state.
2. New Member Canvas-Trey Fuccillo targeting newly registered voters. MDCC pamphlet to be handed out to introduce us to them. Also contains voter info. Begin with Ward 5.

3. MDCC pamphlet is being updated.

4. Social Media Response; Nothing significant.

5. Meetings at the library are guaranteed thru the end of the year. All meetings are scheduled for 2nd Saturday of the month except for Oct 12th, Yom Kipper and April 12th, Passover. Meetings will be the following Saturday for those holidays.

Membership Committee will schedule a separate meeting.

B. Political Action

1. Ward 3 Postcard Campaign-Diane Stevens

a. Project Update- Finishing up the final postcards. More people have joined in to help. We meet every Tuesday. Received donation from MDCC as promised. The remaining expenses covered from self-funding. 4,000 registered voters in Ward 3.

b. Analysis will be completed next month.

2. 2024 Presidential Election

a. Statement for Harris-Walz from MDCC will be published in the Marlborough Patch per Doug Pizzi. He will give us a list of contacts to connect with when we want to publish in local papers in the future. All statements must be approved by Dan C. Chair and Barb A. Co-Chair.

b. Lawn Signs - Vote to have MDCC purchase 10 Harris-Walz lawn signs from State Dem party. Motion made by Babs Fenby 2nd motion by Barbara Allen. Vote unanimous.

Alex Bouchia asked Dan C., Chair to be the distributor for Harris-Walz lawn signs to the Middlesex area. Banner signs can be purchased thru Dave Doucette.

c. GOTV

d. Election Watch Party- Funky Murphy's

3. Ballot Question 4. Aayush Bajpai Guest. The ballot question asks to legalize and regulate natural therapeutic psychedelic medicines for treating mental health conditions. No retail sales, strictly for

mental health to be used by physicians who have been trained and licensed to facilitate psychedelic therapy. Question 4 will direct the Advisory Board to develop recommendations and set up an evaluation program.

4. Jamie Eldridge Fundraiser in Marlborough 9-19-24, 5pm-7pm at Bob Durand's home

C. Events

1. Food Drive - November 16th, January 18th and end of August
Printed sign quote 10 signs/2 side for \$250.00

2. MDCC/Harvard DTC Fundraiser is on "pause" for now.

Public Relations

1. Social Media Accounts; Website and facebook has been updated. Ownership of MDCC website is still under Tony Badman's name (a former Chair of MDCC). Need to remove his name and replace with a new one.

By-laws

No updates

MDCC Project 2025

1. Goals and Objectives

Babs Fenby volunteered to head this group with Michelle Bodin-Hettinger and Roz Baker

2. Subcommittee - Trey Fuccillo suggests that a finance committee be created.

Members Forum

Bob Burke, member from New Horizons, is currently in rehab and not doing well. He has been diagnosed with Parkinson disease

State House Roundup

Jamie Eldridge

Informal Sessions till October. State Bldg and computer systems being updated.

Sept 30 Discussion on Inequality held at the Acton Town Hall

Carmine Gentile State Rep is running against a write-in opponent. MDCC will do a press release for his endorsement.

City Council Roundup

Trey Fuccillo

Dave Doucette

Route 20 construction is nearly done

New Apartment construction on Rte 20 E has changed the number of bedrooms. There will be 12% of low income apts available per the developer.

Disability

Barb Allen

If there are any disability issues about voting let Barbara Allen know

School Committee

Michelle Bodin-Hettinger

Marlborough schools had a good start this fall. Five major contracts were settled. The number of kindergarten students at Kane School were greater than was expected. Resolved issue by transferring a teacher from Jaworek School.

Change school policy organization to mirror Mass Association of School Committees

Babs Fenby motioned to adjourned
Barb Allen second the motion to adjourned
All agreed
Adjourned at 11:15 am

Sept Minutes Submitted By

Debbie Doucette
MDCC Secretary

