

Marlborough Democratic City Committee Minutes
Hybrid Meeting-Zoom/In-Person
New Horizons
420 Hemingway Street
Marlborough, MA
Monthly Meeting April 8, 2023

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

Attending Members: Dan Caruso, Debbie Doucette, Pamela McNair, Alice Wertheimer, Lee Hettinger, Roz Baker, Doug Pizzi, Bob Burke, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Joan Gregoire, Danielle, Gregoire, Babs Fenby

On-Line:

Attending Non-Members: State Senator Jamie Eldridge, Chris Lorant, Dhruva Sen

Time of Meeting: 10:10am

Minutes: Both February & March Minutes were approved

Treasurer Report: No Report

Membership: The chair, Barbara Allen, is still in Australia. Should return to our May Meeting. Dan will send out Democratic voter's list of Ward 5 to our members. We do not have a Ward 5 Chair currently.

Political Action: Roz Baker has decided to take on the Political Action chair. Thank you, Roz, from all of us. Roz and Dan Caruso will meet regarding future plans for Political Action (**Action**). There is a need to have more speakers. Roz would like to bring in an Environmental speaker followed by a community project. Behavioral Health and Housing representative to speak on the local problems of ordinary citizens who are having to go through the red tape of finding housing =and finding behavioral health facilities. Email Roz if you have any person to speak to us about these issues.

Caucus Update: Waiting to hear confirmation from Kane School for June 10th

Food Drive: Food Drive was lightly attended because of weather. Received Gift Certificates for a total of \$200 and collected \$200 in cash. Filled 2 SUV's with food donations. Next Food Drive will be July 23rd and July 25th for delivery to Food Pantry.

Public Relations: How to respond to incoming emails?

Website – Alice W. will add new Mission Statement. And update events. Set up link to new Ward map.

By-Laws: Mission Statement; Babs Fenby and Pam McNair will work with Michelle Bodin-Hettinger in drafting a mission statement. Michelle had researched mission statements from several non-profit

organizations and distributed these to other members of our group. There was a suggestion Babs passed on from George that in the top mission statement on handout the word "encourage" should be added before the word "elect".

Danielle Gregoire motioned to table the mission statement for 1 month during which time we should send comments to Michelle. Babs 2nd the motion, all approved.

Statehouse Round-up

State Senator Jamie Eldridge: Jamie has been appointed Senate Chair of the Judiciary. He wants to pass bills to further protect abortion rights and parent's rights.

Continue to promote clean energy and education to towns and cities on what can be improved.

Drivers license protection for immigrants and free meals in schools to be on the state budget. Marlborough is already a leader in these two areas. Documents required for immigrants to obtain their driver's license are Birth Certificate and Passports.

No ICE agents are to be posted at the RV or Courthouses

COVID SNAP is no longer available.

State Rep Danielle Gregoire: Danielle has been appointed Floor Division Leader. Issues she is following up on are maternal health including premature births and why are there 2/3 of American pregnant women are at high risk.

Statehouse budget will be public on 4/12.

City Hall Round-up No City Councilors attending. Mayor is not running this November

School Committee Michelle Bodin-Hettinger
Budget went to Mayor

Misc Items

Democratic State Committee Mtg	April 24 th
Charity-The Borrows Cocktail Party	May 13 th

Ward 3 will need a Ward Councilor

Motion to Adjourn Babs Fenby at 11:21am
Danielle Gregoire 2nd the motion

Submitted By
Debbie Doucette, Secretary

