

Marlborough Democratic City Committee Minutes
Hybrid Meeting-Zoom/In-Person
New Horizons
420 Hemingway Street
Marlborough, MA
Monthly Meeting May 13, 2023

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

Attending Members: Dan Caruso, Debbie Doucette, Barbara Allen, Babs Fenby, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Marilyn Perry, Alice Wertheimer, Bob Burke, Pamela McNair, Joan Gregoire, Bob Gregoire, Elaine Chont, Doug Pizzi, Alex Williamson and Roz Baker.

Attending Non-Members: Kara LeTreize-State Committee Member, Druba Sen, Albert Trey Fuccillo-Ward 6 City Councilor candidate and Robert Precindo-Ward 3 City Councilor candidate

Call to Order: 10:09am

Minutes: None Available

Communications/Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Provided by George LaVenture. Motion to accept Report by Babs Fenby, 2nd by Bob Gregoire. Motion Passed

Membership Committee: Barb Allen discussed outreach to Ward 5; Youth and minority voters, plus possible postcard mailing to Ward 5.

Political Action Committee: Roz Baker agreed to be committee chair indefinitely. Caucus is June 10th. Discussed municipal non-partisan elections in November.

Issues to discuss for committee include environmental and then affordable housing. Doug Pizzi will present on the Community Preservation Act for Marlborough. Bob Durham, a former State Rep, is also a possible speaker.

State convention is September 23rd located in Lowell. Kara LeTreize, our state committee member is on the Democratic Platform/Resolution Committee.

The Membership Committee and the Political Action Committee will jointly work on voter registration.

Candidates Running for Marlborough City offices:

Samantha Perlman	Mayor
Christian Dumais	Mayor
School Committee	Dan Caruso
Ward 1 City Councilor	Mark Vital
Ward 3 City Councilor	Robert Precindo
Ward 6 City Councilor	Albert Trey Fuccillo
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Events Committee: Next Food Drive is Saturday July 22nd at Navin Skating Rink parking lot. Delivery to Food Pantry is Tuesday July 25th. Items will be stored in Barbara Allen's garage.

Public Relations Committee: Caucus scheduled for Saturday, June 10th, at Kane Elementary School will need to be advertised in local paper as well as on Facebook and on our website. Alice W., Barbara A. and Alex W. will work on website and Barbara will post event info on Facebook. Doug P. will do a press release on our most recent Food Drive.

By-Laws: No Report

MDCC Project 2023: Voted on approval Mission Statement. Correction added to include "encourage and" between "to" and "elect candidates". Motion by Michelle B-H, 2nd by Pam M. and Babs F.

Members Forum: Alice W. discussed concerns. Alice W. motioned to meet after caucus on goals. Debbie D. 2nd the motion. Discussion. Barbara A. opposes, not enough energy or time. Alice W. withdrew her motion. Barbara A. agreed to follow up with potential new members.

State House Round-up: None

City Hall Round-Up: Samantha P. discussed budget status.

School Committee: Michelle Bodin-Hettinger announced the school bus drivers were on strike. The strike was tied into the District School Buses and not Marlborough alone. Westborough and Framingham schools were also affected. But because the Marlborough bus drivers were part of the district union they had to walk out on strike.

Next Meeting: Caucus, June 10th, 9:30 am at Kane Elementary School

Adjournment: Barbara A. made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Babs F. Motion passed
Adjourned at 11:05 am

Thank you to Barbara Allen for taking notes on the first half of the meeting as I was late to meeting

Submitted by
Debbie Doucette, Secretary