

Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Hybrid Monthly Meeting
New Horizons
420 Hemenway Street, Marlborough, MA 01752
June 8, 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:

Trey Fuccillo, Teria Ellis, Pamela McNair, David Doucette, Babs Fenby, Barb Allen, Debbie Doucette, Barbara Shapiro, Diane Stevens, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Robert Preciado, Dan Caruso, Alice Wertheimer

Guests:

Carmine Gentile, Statehouse Representative

Call to Order: 10:14AM

Minutes to Approve:

Babs Fenby motions to approve May Minutes. Dave Doucette 2nd the motion. All in favor.

No Communications or correspondence reported.

Financial Report:

Babs Fenby motion to approve. Barb Allen 2nd Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

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

A. Membership:

1. Ward 3 post carding.
Diane Stevens heading the project. Purchasing 3000 postcards to send to swing states. Will need donations to cover purchase of stamps, vote reminder postcards. Discuss amount of donation from MDCC. The template, message, for postcard can be used for other projects.
2. Plans to generate new members
3. Change of venue to Library is in process

4. Barbara Allen would like to obtain a PO Box for MDCC to handle correspondence by mail. Will secure the smallest one available.

Political Action

1. Dan was invited to the Sudbury DTC Meeting
2. Jamie Eldridge Campaign Kick-Off , on May 29th was well attended by 250 people at the Boxboro Regency. Ed Markey honored Jaimie Eldridge at this event.
3. 2024 State Mass Dem convention took place on June 1st. What stood out most was Ed Markey's speech.
4. 2024 Preliminary Election 9/30/24. Aug 24th is the deadline for the preliminary registration
5. 2024 General Election 11/05/24

Events

1. Next Food Drive will be July 20th at the Navin Skating Ring parking lot. Motion by Pam McNair to purchase better advertising signs for this ongoing event. Dave Doucette 2nd the motion, 12 approve 1 oppose.

Public Relations

1. Need more visibility. Create a newsletter

MDCC Work in Process

1. Executive Meeting – Officers and ward chairs to be scheduled before our next monthly meeting in September

Members Forum

1. Babs Fenby – Peace group meeting every other Thursday beginning June 20th from 5-6 pm in front of the old Fish Restaurant. Holding signs. Can make your own signs or call Babs.

Statehouse Representative

Carmine Gentile

1. Passed \$6 billion housing bond bill that includes \$1 billion to expand the MWRA service area to more suburbs to support more housing, \$2 billion to rehabilitate, repair and modernize more than 40,000 public housing units and other various housing grants, technical assistance, adding \$800 million to Affordable Trust Fund etc.
2. This week the Economic Bill is coming up for a vote.

City Council

Dave Doucette

1. Rte 20 construction by Mcgee Farm will begin in a few weeks.
2. Apts being built on the Funeral property downtown. There will be a 2 level parking garage.

3. Discussion on compensation
4. Lake Williams – Zoning changes still not approved. Still in planning stages

Trey Fuccillo

1. Sent out a newsletter to his Ward 6 constituents

School Committee

Michelle Bodin-Hettenger

1. Budget cut from School Budget, \$850

Disabilities

Barb Allen

1. The Lake Williams Boardwalk is not approved for handicap people
2. Rat problems downtown. Trap boxes have been set up.

Babs Fenby motion to adjourn

Barb Allen 2nd the motion

All in favor

Adjourn 11:10am

Submitted by

Debbie Doucette

Secretary

Oct 17, 2024