

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee  
Monthly Meeting for November 10, 2018  
9am – 10am**

**New Horizons  
400 Hemenway Street  
Wayside Conference Room  
Marlborough, MA  
(Please park in the 370 Hemenway entrance)**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Additional Agenda Items ?**

**Meeting Minutes Approval—October 13, 2018**

**Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture**

**Committee Reports**

**Educ. Comm.: Dan Caruso & Michelle Bodin-Hettinger  
Outreach Committee: Barbara Allen/Sue Kennedy, MDP  
Membership Committee: Barbara Allen/Rosalind Baker  
Press & Public Relations Committee: Doug Pizzi,  
Dave Doucette  
Programs Committee: Jayne Wilson  
Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley**

**Old Business –**

**Follow up on Election**

**New Business**

**MDCC Future  
Fundraising  
Community involvement/service --broaden our role in the  
community**

**Your Thoughts**

**Adjourn**

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**We are self funding. Our annual dues helps us to put on events.  
Please pay \$25 by check only. Make check out to "MDCC". We do  
NOT take cash anymore for anything. Cash makes it difficult to  
record & report our finances to the state party. Thank you. You  
may mail it to our Treasurer: George LaVenture, 346 Brigham St,  
Marlborough—GlaVenture@Trinity-Inc.net**

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**Regular Monthly Meeting for November 13, 2018  
Minutes – DRAFT**

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

## **Attending**

**Members:** Barbara Allen, Dan Caruso, Debbie Doucette, Babs Fenby, Barbara Shapiro, Diane L Stevens, Keith St. John, David Doucette, Danielle Gregoire-State Rep, Joan Gregoire, Kathleen O'Connor, Jim Eldridge, Lee Hettinger, Samantha Perlman

**Meeting Brought to Order at 9:08 am**

**New Horizon's Insurance Liability forms were passed out for each member to sign and hand in. This is a policy that will be part of each of our meetings before we begin.**

**Approval of October Minutes: Approved**

**Treasurer's Report – George LaVenture, Treasurer not present.  
Currently the bank balance is \$170.81.**

## **Committee Reports**

**Education Committee: Dan Caruso/Michelle Bodin-Hettinger-None**

**Membership/Outreach – Barbara Allen**

Per New Horizon Meeting location could be moved to a dining area that would seat a larger group of people.

## **Discussion on Mtg Location:**

**Samantha Perlman** Other possibilities – Temple on Berlin Road

**Dan Caruso** Would like to finalize location by January mtg

Continue working on the New Member packet.

Facebook going well.

**Communications – Dave Doucette/Doug Pizzi - None**

**Old Business:**

Danielle Gregoire proposed in October mtg that we temporarily put in place a policy stating that all executive committee members must be authorized for any expense over \$100. (who does the authorization?) Members voted to pass this policy—2 opposed. Further discussion will be on the November Agenda. Did not bring this up in November.

**New Business:**

How did the federal/state/local elections do and what can we improve to do better?

**Comments:**

**Federal -**

The Blue Wave included 110 women

Barbara Allen; Wisconsin Republican Legislators are gutting out the powers of the current Democratic governor. In subsequent days it was learned that the Republicans over the years had set up the gerrymandering which led to many republicans in the Legislator. Democrats won in most of the statewide elections.

Youth Vote increased nationwide by 188% from 2014 midterm elections.

Voter Suppression-Georgia

Diane Stevens – Atlantic Magazine; article on Newt Gingrich and his background in the House of Representatives. Interesting read.

**Statewide Politics –**

Kirk Hurley – Concerns with statewide campaign disorganization. No literature, short notice on canvassing and rallies.

## **Local Politics –**

Next year Marlborough has a city election. Dave Doucette, Christian Dumais, Ed Clancy and Don Landers are all Democrats and up for re-election and Keith St. John may run for Citywide Councilor.

Dave Doucette - Noticed that very little political signs set up through Marlborough.

Lee Hettinger – Signage has become very expensive. The showing of signs has been dwindling over time per research. Give signs only to people who request them. Use them in neighborhoods.

Signage at polling places in Marlborough—policy. Suggestion to invite Lisa, the City’s Clerk, to a future meeting to speak to us about campaign signage etc.

Dave Doucette will invite Lisa to one of our meetings

Barbara Allen mentioned when canvassing the person she was trying to canvass had called the police to complain about trespassing. The police did show up, spoke to Barbara. Nothing came of it.

## **MDCC Fundraising**

Need to focus on Fundraising for future events. Focus on long range planning and implementation. Set up temporary committees to plan these events.

## **Miscellaneous**

Samantha Perlman offered to educate our group in ways we can connect to younger people to get them engaged in our democratic process.

2019/20 Calendar will be available for our January 12th Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20

**Meeting Adjourned 10:15AM**