

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for December 8, 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—November 10, 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 –

**Update on meeting location
City Clerk invitation
Samantha Perlman speaks on connecting with youth and
young adults and how to get them involved with
democrat politics**

New Business

**Schedule Executive Committee financial planning
meeting for next year's events. Committee chairs
are invited.**

**Update By-laws with new ones that have been
voted on thru the year and vote on the By-laws as a
whole at the Caucus.**

Adjourn

Your Thoughts

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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 December 8, 2018
Minutes – **DRAFT****

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

Attending

Members: Kirk Hurley, Barbara Allen, Dan Caruso, Debbie Doucette, Babs Fenby, Samantha Perlman, Kathleen O'Connor, Joan Gregoire, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Keith St. John, Danielle Gregoire, Lee Hettinger, Alex Williamson, Marilyn Perry, Christopher Slammer

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:07 am

No New Horizon official present to distribute the individual waivers for this meeting. We were unwaivered!

Approval of November Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report – George LaVenture, Treasurer not present.
Report was received via email. Bank balance as of November 18 is \$165.57

Committee Reports

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

Membership/Outreach – Barbara Allen

Location of future meetings will remain at New Horizons.

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:

Sam Perlman spoke on ways we can work better together as a group, to be more focus on our goals – visibility, youth involvement Groups can work in parallel. The business/organization minded vs the creative/activists vs the event planning. Use the strengths and skills of each member to be a more powerful organization.

Sam led the group through an activity which each person wrote their goal for our organization on a paper “stickie”. These were collected and put in like piles. The suggestions all could be sorted in 3 categories.

- 1st – Membership & How we grow/how we behave
- 2nd – Internal; missions and norms
- 3rd -- External; engaging with community

Chairman’s Notes:

Any and all policies voted on throughout the year will be listed and voted on as By-Laws during our March Caucus.

Executive meeting will be scheduled before our January meeting to go over Budget and Calendar. New 2019 Calendar will be drafted and available for the January meeting.

Miscellaneous

- Babs Fenby—There is a vacancy on the planning board
- Sue Kennedy; Our State Democratic Rep – Asking for our MDCC to vote on whether we stand with the state party in their mandate of prohibiting the local town & city Democratic committees to NOT endorse any candidates/officers during preliminary campaigns.

The actual statement we voted on per Lee Hettinger:

“Do we support the process of the State Democratic Committee mandating to all town and city MA Democratic committees to prohibit endorsing any candidates/officers during preliminary campaigns.”

We voted NO--we do NOT support the State’s mandate of not endorsing candidates/officers during preliminary campaigns.

- **Kate Donoghue – Holiday Party; Sunday, December 16th; 2pm—6pm
Red Heat Restaurant, Westborough Intersection of Rte 9 & Rte 135. Many democratic politicians including Elizabeth Warren.**
- **Chris Slammer -- Framingham Holiday Party; 136 Maynard Rd off of Rte 9; Park at 1071 Worcester Rd. 6:30 – 8:30pm**
- **Marilyn Perry – Paid her respects to President George H.W. Bush Lying in State in the Capitol Bldg, Washington D.C. Stood in line for 5 hours.**
- **Michelle Bodin-Hettinger – noted that campaign signs were still up. Will add this to our agenda when City Clerk, Lisa Thomas joins us at our February meeting.**
- **Francis J Kane passed away at age 73. He was Superintendent of Schools in Marlborough.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:05 AM