

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for May 19, 2018
9am – 10am**

**Kennedy's Restaurant
247 Maple Street-Rte 85
2nd Floor
Marlborough, MA**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Additional Agenda Items ?

Meeting Minutes Approval—April 14th, 2018

**Guests/Speakers: Guest Speakers – Barbara L'Italien/Jeff
Ballinger**

Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture

Committee Reports If Any –

Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley

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 & Catherine Hendry**

Programs Committee: Jayne Wilson

Old Business – Delegates/Alternates Convention--Tickets

New Business --

Adjourn

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 May 19, 2018
Minutes - **DRAFT****

Attendees:

Officers: Kirk Hurley, Chair; Debbie Doucette, Secretary,
Dan Caruso, Vice Chair

Members: Babs Fenby, Alice Wertheimer, Kathleen O'Connor,
Doug Pizzi, Ed Pastor, Joan Gregoire, Lee
Hettinger, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger

Others: Carmine Gentile - State Rep.

Guest Speakers: Candidates for Congressional 3rd District; Barbara
L'Italien and Jeff Ballinger

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:10 am

Approval of April Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report – Not Available

Committee Reports

Membership – Barbara Allen: No Reports

Education/Youth Vote – Dan Caruso: No Reports

Communications – No Reports

Chair's Notes:

- Congressional 3rd District Debate -- checking out several venues; Apex, Assabet Vocational Reg. or senior centers. Debate dates will be either July 24th or 31st. Format will be modeled after the classic Lincoln-Douglas debate.
- Candidate Fundraisers - Planning a combined fundraiser for Danielle Gregoire, State Rep 4th Middlesex District and Jamie Eldridge, State Senator Middlesex and Worcester District. Will need to contact both candidates to get agreement on date & type of fundraiser.
- Rowe's Funeral Home on Main Street is for sale. If sold before July 4th Parade we will need a new location for our Ice Cream Social.

Other Business:

Pancake Breakfast – Dan Caruso. Wants to revive the Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser the MDCC had done in the past. He will head the project but need some volunteers.

Carmine Gentile informed us that the Bill ERPO (Extreme Risk Protective Order) would be voted on in the house. This Bill will allow people to request an order if there is a suspicion of danger. Carmine is holding his own fundraiser scheduled for June 21st. Invitations will be sent out soon. He is unopposed in the Sept primary.

Summary of Speeches from our Guest Speakers

Jeff Ballinger:

Candidate for 3rd Congressional District

- Main mission in his campaign is to get big money out of politics.
- Reduce Corporate crime and protect workers
- CEOs with 400-to-1 income ratios over their employees—they must be held to account through House hearings and passing info to institutional investors
- Single Payer Health insurance
- Jerusalem should not be capital of Israel

Barbara L'Italien:

Candidate for 3rd Congressional District

- Entered into politics because of son's autism and little support for this behavior disorder. Worked as a social worker. Pushed for autism classes for caregivers at McClain Hospital
- Ran for State Senate in 2003.
- Worked on health issues, followed thru to solutions
- Elder Affairs
- 15 years in politics
- Single payer health insurance
- Stood for gay marriage
- For public education -- not charter schools, have been taken over by corporate sponsors
- Against assault weapons

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20