

DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS

GENERAL MEETING

July 12, 2017

Pride Center at Equality Park

MINUTES

1. The Meeting called to order at 7:47 p.m. by President Scott Herman.
2. Quorum – Secretary Jesse Monteagudo confirmed there was a quorum (20% of the members) present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Scott led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.
4. Elected Officials & Past Presidents. Scott recognized elected officials (or their representatives) and past Dolphin presidents.
5. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Adam Sabin reported a bank balance of \$7,479.14. The Club's 2017-2018 Budget is in effect.
6. Ad-Hoc Archives Committee Report – Rex Robinson reported that his Committee recently visited the Stonewall Archives to research Club material in the Archives.
7. Special Elections – Vice President and 4 Board Members. Scott appointed Alan Silva to serve as Acting Parliamentarian for the duration of this meeting. Members discussed allowing new members to vote and agreed to go ahead with the election.

Vice President. Ed Leuchs nominated Paulette Armstead. Moved by Dean Trantalis and seconded by Naomi Siegel to close nominations. Motion passed. Moved by Michael Albetta and seconded by Dave Altermatt to elect Ms. Armstead by acclamation. Motion passed.

Directors. The following candidates were nominated: Harve Brosten (by Ron Mills), Nik Harris (by Michael Albetta), Verna Johnson (by Ed Leuchs), Ed Leuchs (by Naomi Siegel), Alfredo Olvera (by Ron Mills) and Rex Robinson (by Jesse Monteagudo). Moved by Justin Flippen and seconded by Ed Leuchs that the candidate with the most votes will serve out a term ending in 2019. Motion passed. Members voted and elected Alfredo Olvera (whose term expires February 2019), Rex Robinson, Ed Leuchs and Verna Johnson (whose terms expire February 2018).

8. Fall Fundraiser. Mitch Weisbrot reported on the November 9<sup>th</sup> event.

9. City Commissioners Justin Flippen (Wilton Manors), Matthew Sparks (Oakland Park) and Dean Trantalis (Fort Lauderdale) addressed the Club and swore in the newly-elected Vice President and Directors.

10. President's Report – Scott reported that, due to State Caucus and State Party rules, the Quorum at Dolphin meetings once again consists of 20% of the members. Earlier this evening the Executive Board approved a \$30 payment to the North Broward Democratic Club to co-sponsor that club's Labor Day Picnic. Moved by Noah Kitty and seconded by Jesse Monteagudo to approve this expense. Motion passed.

Scott will travel to Las Vegas later this month to represent the Dolphins at the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Convention. Scott made it clear that this trip would not be paid by the Dolphin Dems, but rather he was using his own personal funds to pay for this trip.

Scott also announced that he plans to appoint a new By-Laws Committee that will propose changes in the Club By-Laws.

11. Announcements for the Good of the Party. Robert Muniz of the Oakland Park Democratic Club reported on his club's activities. Mitch Rosenwald reported on the newly-created Corals of Oakland Park Neighborhood Association.

12. Meeting Adjourned. Moved by Noah Kitty and seconded by Naomi Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed.

Recorded and Submitted By

Jesse G. Monteagudo, Secretary