

DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS

GENERAL MEETING

October 11, 2017

Pride Center at Equality Park

MINUTES

Before the Meeting began, Board members met and approved President Scott Herman's appointment of John Murdock as Club Parliamentarian.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Scott Herman.
2. Quorum. Secretary Jesse Monteagudo announced that there was a Quorum.
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Diane Glasser, the long-time DEC member, who recently passed away.
4. Elections. Scott announced that new By-Laws changes and Board appointees will be voted on by the members at the November Meeting. Newly-appointed directors Nik Harris and Brad Bonds spoke.
5. Public Officials, Past Presidents and New Members were recognized. Past Presidents Michael Albetta and Ron Mills spoke, as did former Rep. Chris Smith, School Board member Patti Good, and R. David Walker, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture.
6. Treasurer's Report. Adam Sabin reported a balance of \$7,499.48, and made a pitch for members to join the Fundraising Committee.
7. Membership Committee Report. Alfredo Olvera announced that the Club now has 167 members, including 4 who just joined.
8. Fall Fundraiser Report. Michael Albetta and Mitch Weisbrot reported on the November 26 event to honor 15 LGBTA Pioneers.
9. Board. Scott introduced members of the Board of Directors, who spoke briefly.
10. Speakers. Tim Hart introduced the speakers.
  - a. Hayley Davidson, once a professional golfer and now a HRC activist, spoke about her transition as a transgender woman.

b. Lillie Harris, a retired City of Miami Police Captain and former Dolphins Board member. Told her coming out story, her upbringing in the Pentecostal faith and her relationship with her parents.

11. Keynote Speaker – Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel was introduced by Tim Hart. Sheriff Israel spoke about his achievements regarding non-violent offenders, juvenile offenders and bringing diversity to the Broward Sheriff's Office. He gave his opinions on White Supremacist Groups, the recent Fort Lauderdale Airport shooting, and gun control. He urged those present that if they "see something, say something" and report all suspicious activity.

12. Good of the Party – Announcements for the Good of the Party. Chris Smith spoke about the Constitutional Revision Commission. Len Leritz, Broward Democrats' Training Director, spoke about Canvassing Training.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 9 p.m. Directors greeted members and guests on their way out.

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