

**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

**Pride Center at Equality Park**

**2040A N. Dixie Hwy., Wilton Manors, FL**

**Meeting called to order at 7:35 by President Noah Kitty.**

**Secretary Edward Leuchs acknowledged that there was a quorum present.**

**President Noah Kitty acknowledged the presence of Candidates for Office and Elected Officials.**

**A moment of silence was held in memory of victims of transgender killings and for those persons who have been bullied.**

**Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2016 General Meeting**

**Motion was made by Dave Brown, seconded by Lillie Harris to approve the minutes as posted on the Dolphi Democratss website. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Stewart Pepper presented the Treasurer's Report. There was \$8,100 in the Dolphin Democrats bank account at the end of July, 2016. He also asked members and guests to each contribute \$20.16 for 2016. President Noah Kitty asked Tim Ross to explain how the funds being raised are being utilized. Tim Ross discussed voter registration at Pride Center Saturday Flea Markets, endorsement ads showing the Palm Card in gay newspapers and workers at Early Voting and in key polling places on Election Day.**

**Guest Speaker: KEN KEECHL, Former Mayor of Broward County and Candidate for Florida House District 93**

**Tim Hart, Dolphin Democrat Board Member, introduced the speaker. Ken Keechl thanked the members of the Dolphin Democrats for endorsing his candidacy at their July General Meeting. He discussed his tenure as County Commissioner and Mayor of Broward County, including passage of the Human Rights Ordinance. He explained that his motivation to run was his outrage over the homophobic and anti-abortion record of incumbent Republican Representative George Moraitis. Ken Keechl criticized Moraitis' support of the so-called Pastor Protection Act as homophobic and**

**opposed the incumbent's support of extreme NRA legislation. He also voiced disagreement with Moraitis' anti-abortion votes, including vaginal ultrasound and votes against funding for Planned Parenthood's birth control and health services.**

**President's Report:**

**Noah Kitty described the priority mission of the Dolphin Democrats to encourage members of the LGBTAQ community to vote in the National, State and Local Elections in 2016.**

**Other Business for the good of the order:**

**@ Ken Evans spoke to caution members about fraudulent Blue Palm Cards which have been widely circulated by a local political operator.**

**@ Tim Ross announced that September's General Meeting will focus on endorsements for municipal primary races. Candidates must be nominated by Dolphin Democrat members. In response to a question, he clarified that, if you are a candidate and a Dolphin member, you can submit your own name.**

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business for the good of the order, President Noah Kitty asked for a motion to adjourn, which was unanimously passed at 8:29pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Leuchs, Secretary**

**Edward**