



Dolphin Democrats
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
The Pride Center at Equality Park
MINUTES

1. **Call of Meeting to Order:** President, Alfredo Olvera called meeting to order at 7:03 P.M..
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary, Aaron Darr stated a quorum was met.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Feb. Annual Mem. Mtg. Minutes *APPROVED* unanimously; 0 opposed.

5. **Public Officials, Past Presidents, and Other Leaders (recognize)**
 - Mark Udine, Broward County Commissioner*
 - Ben Sorensen, Fort Lauderdale Vice-Mayor*
 - Paul Rolli, Wilton Manors Commissioner*
 - Scott Herman, Past President, Dolphin Democratic Club*
 - Robert Muniz, President, Oakland Park Democratic Club*
 - Clay Harrison Miller, President, Broward County Young Democrats*
 - Ruby Green, Candidate for Broward County Public Defender*
 - Diane Gonzalez Simpson, Candidate for Coral Springs City Commission*

6. **Report of Officers**
 - a. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Aaron Darr
 - NO REPORT.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Adam Sabin
 - Bank balance (as reported) is \$13,033.77
 - The Finance Committee will be meeting in early April to discuss next fiscal year's budget, for board approval. If anyone would like to join the committee, please let Adam know.
 - Adam will be reaching out to some attorneys with expertise in FEC/Tax Law, regarding our proper legal form and compliance obligations. He hopes to have more information by next general meeting.
 - c. **President's Report:** President Alfredo Olvera
 - i. Appointment of Naomi Siegel as Sergeant-At-Arms.
 - ii. Appointment of Zachary Durand as Director; Election in April 2019.
 - iii. Committee Chairs: Introduction of All New Chairs.
 - iv. Future Events
 - Membership Mixer: 3/29/19 from 5:30P-8P at Rumors Bar & Grill (2019 members get free drink)
 - Trivia Night: 5/2/19 from 6:30P-9P at The Pride Center (Teams of 5 are \$30, each player \$10)
 - LGBT History: Now & Then Brunch: 6/8/19
 - Legislative Meeting: 6/12/19
 - Stonewall Pride: Wilton Manors 6/15/19



- d. **Vice President's Report:** Nik Harris
 - i. Marsha P. Johnson – Mother of Pride Movement

Nik spoke of Marsha P. Johnson, the trans woman of color who was credited with starting the Stonewall uprising/riots. She was murdered and the case remains cold/unsolved.
 - ii. Checking your Privilege

Nik spoke in depth about membership reaching our more to communities of color, women, and the transgender community. Nik also spoke to privilege in its various forms, including racial and cis gender privilege, amongst others.

7. Reports of Committees:

- a. **Membership Committee:** Paul Sparandera Jr.
 - 175 members.
- b. **Volunteer Committee:** Anthony Ginsberg
 - 600,073 registered democrats in Broward. Emphasized checking on voter registration status. Voter registration, petition signature collection, etc.
- c. **Other Committees:** Hillary Dougherty – Update on Pompano Beach Gun Show
 - Voted to not hold a gun show in Pompano Beach
- d. **Elections Committee:** Justin Proffitt - Update on March 12th Municipal Elections

Dolphins endorsed candidate Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam was the only endorsed candidate who won his municipal election.

8. Speakers:

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis

Spoke about the need for more LGBT people to run for office, the encouragement he feels from the new Dolphins board and its diversity, and a Fort Lauderdale ordinance that furthers the progress of the LGBT community and Fort Lauderdale's rating by the Human Rights Campaign.

Fort Lauderdale Vice-Mayor Ben Sorensen

Spoke about homelessness, housing homeless veterans, others. 2,500 homelessness in Broward County. Focusing on issues of homeless individuals by going to them directly and asking them their issues and what they would like to see done. Using a housing first model, case management, wrap round services, job training, Community Court, etc.

Barbara Markley and Gracie Smith, League of Women Voters

- Giving out free gun locks. 10,700 gun locks have been distributed, as well as over 22,000 pieces of literature have been handed out via the League of Women Voters. Encouraged others to sign BAWN, Ban Assault Weapons Now.

9. Announcements for The Good of The Party

- Former Broward County Sherriff Scott Israel.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 PM.