



Dolphin Democrats
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
The Pride Center at Equality Park

MINUTES

1. **Call of Meeting to Order at 7:02 PM:** President, Alfredo Olvera
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary Aaron Darr
 - a. 35 members in attendance; quorum met.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** March Membership Meeting
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously
5. **Public Officials, Past Presidents, and Other Leaders (recognize)**

Justin Flippen, Mayor Wilton Manor
Paul Rolli, Wilton Manors City Commissioner
Dale Holness, Broward County Commissioner
*Other elected representatives from Water and Soil and various democratic organizations were present as well.
6. **Election of 1 Director position with term expiring on 02/2020**
 - a. Emma Collum served as Chair in place of Michael Stara's absence. President Olvera has nominated Zachary Durand to the board of directors. There was no discussion nor any further nominations from the floor. First by Edward, Seconded by Mayor Justin Flippen. The vote was unanimous; Zachary was elected to the BOD of The Dolphin Democrats.
7. **Report of Officers**
 - a. **Secretary's Report:** Sec. Aaron Darr
 - i. NO REPORT
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Adam Sabin
 - i. Current Balance: \$11,216.18 (includes the \$2,500 deposit we made for gala).
 - c. **President's Report:** President Alfredo Olvera
 - i. Strategic Planning Meeting
 - ii. Endorsement of Coral Springs Commissioner Seat (May 8th)

At our next general membership meeting, we will be screening and potentially endorsing a candidate who applies for our chapter's endorsement to The Coral Springs Commission.
 - iii. Review of FDP Article X – Antidiscrimination Provision

We are including the above mentioned antidiscrimination provision into our chapter bylaws at the mandatory request of the state LGBTQA Democratic Caucus and the Florida Democratic Party.
 - iv. The Equality Act: Writing post cards to members of congress urging them to pass the Equality Act in the U.S. Senate as it has already passed in the U.S. House.
 - d. **Vice President's Report:** Nik Harris
 - i. Audre Lorde: Nik gave an impassioned speech about feminist and poet Audre Lorde, who made a point to break down racial barriers amongst blacks and white, but also amongst white women and black women.



8. Reports of Committees:

- a. **Membership Committee:** Paul Sparandera Jr.

Total Members: 194 members

- Volunteer Committee:** Anthony Ginsberg

Encouraged members to fill out the volunteer page online on our chapter website.

Currently: 9 volunteer opportunities (See Anthony for list of events)

Focus on voter registration in coming months leading up to 2020 election

- b. **Fundraising & Events Committee:** Lindsay Pollard

i. Membership Mixer: April 26, 2019 from 5:30-8 P

ii. Trivia Night: May 2, 2019 from 6:30-9 P

iii. LGBT History Then and Now Brunch: June 8, 2019

iv. Legislative Meeting: June 12, 2019

v. Stonewall Pride: June 15, 2019

vi. Democratic Candidate Training in the coming future.

- c. **Other Committees:** NO REPORTS GIVEN.

9. Speakers:

Broward County Commissioner, Dale Holness

Spoke about the need to work with individuals who wish to live in America, are undocumented, and deserve access to opportunities and services that further the reality of one acquiring a pathway to citizenship. He also spoke about the need to expand access to affordable house and inclusionary zoning.

Wilton Manors Mayor, Justin Flippen

Spoke about affordable housing and the need to expand affordable housing in Wilton Manors and beyond. Wilton Manors is updating its zoning policies. Zoning the corridors of designated areas to ensure they are attractive thus flexible throughout the development process to attract business and economic opportunity while addressing the affordable housing issue. Parking, ride sharing, and other facets of public transit are crucial issues that will be addressed via Wilton Manors city government this year. Additionally, Mayor Flippen will be revising and updating the city charter of Wilton Manors.

NOTE: A motion was made from the floor of membership that stated “we as an organization wish to create and pass a resolution to endorse and support the city of Wilton Manors in creating an Annual Harvey Milk Day and rename “NE 21ST Court” as “Harvey Milk Court.””

Floor opened for discussion. Nik Harris supported the resolution initially, Edward seconded. The vote was unanimous, the resolution passes.

Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus, President, Stephen Gaskill

President Gaskill spoke about Lobby Days in Tallahassee as well as the upcoming Leadership Blue put on by The Florida Democratic Party. The state caucus has purchased a table and are considering purchasing another table if the initial table is sold out, as the cost is now \$180 p. person and will increase to \$270 p. person very soon.



10. Announcements for The Good of The Party

- Various representatives announced themselves as well as their campaigns or organizations they were associated with in upcoming elections or events.
- Two representatives from the LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus of Miami Dade attended as they are a new chapter of the FL LGBTQ+ Dem. Caucus and are looking for support.
- Aaron announced the need to call elected officials to urge them to ban all forms of fracking this legislative session and that material would be available to those interested to take home with them at the end of the meeting to call direct phone numbers of elected officials.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 PM.