



Dolphin Democrats
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 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; A quorum was met to hold meeting.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** May 2019 Membership Meeting; **MINUTES APPROVED unanimously.**
5. **Public Officials, Past Presidents, and Other Leaders (recognize)**
Clay Miller, President, Broward Young Democrats; Sabrina Javanella, Vice Mayor of Hollandale Beach; Representative Cindy Polo, HD 103; Representative Mike Gottlieb, HD 98; Michael Albetta, Past President, Dolphin Democrats; Tom Lynch, Candidate for Public Defender; Joevahn Scott, Candidate for Supervisor of Elections; Marie Woodson, Candidate for HD 101; Joe Kimok, Candidate for Broward County State Attorney; Howard Forman, Candidate for Broward County Clerk of the Court; Melissa Ward Peterson, Recording Secretary, Broward County Democratic Party; August Mangeney, President, Margate Democratic Club; Steve Werthman, Area 9 Leader, Broward County Democratic Party; Vice President, Haitian American Democratic Club.
6. **Report of Officers**
 - a. **Secretary's Report:** Sec. Aaron Darr
No Report
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Adam Sabin
 - Budget Approved by BOD. Next month, we'll be on the next fiscal year.
 - Bank Balance: **\$9,501.29**
 - We're projecting to end the fiscal year (6/30/19) at about a \$1,800-2,000 loss.
 - c. **President's Report:** President Alfredo Olvera
No Report
 - d. **Vice President's Report:** Nik Harris (absent)
No Report
7. **Reports of Committees:**
 - a. **Membership Committee:** Paul Sparandera Jr.
Total Members: 234 Members
June 26, 2019: Membership Mixer at Art Serve
 - b. **Volunteer Committee:** Anthony Ginsberg
June 15, 2019: Volunteer for booth/parade at Stonewall Pride.
 - c. **Fundraising & Events Committee:** Lindsay Pollard
No Report
 - d. **Other Committees:**
No Reports Given
8. **Speakers:**
 - Representative Cindy Polo spoke about her 2018 campaign and the need for democrats to run for seats that have gone unchallenged via the



republican incumbents. The infrastructure and funds are crucial to winning a campaign.

- Representative Michael Gottlieb spoke about his initial run for office and his experience while in legislative session.
- DD BOD Zachary Durand conducted a question and answer with both legislators about their overall experiences running for office and this past 2019 legislative session.
- Sarah Lionardi spoke about a current school supply drive and the need for additional resources in Broward County Public Schools.
- Tatiana Williams spoke on behalf of Transinclusive. She spoke in depth about the need to be more inclusive of the T in LGBT and bring attention to the issues of the transgender community. She gave various statistics over the past 5 years of rates of death and suicide and the ways in which black trans women of color are often the targets of violence more than any other racial demographic. Additionally, she also spoke about upcoming Transinclusive events, Prom and National Trans Remembrance Day.
- Wilton Manors Mayor, Justin Flippen spoke about upcoming 2019 Stonewall Pride. He regretfully spoke about The Wilton Manors City Commission inability to rename a street to Harvey Milk Way. However, the city did agree to an annual Harvey Milk Day on May 22 of every year.

9. Announcements for The Good of The Party

- Michael Albetta read an article from The Broward Beat about Broward County Sherriff Gregory Tony and his arrest of a juvenile transgender teen who was stealing from a local 7/11. Disappointed, Albetta spoke about his personal opinions about the embattled and removed Sherriff Scott Israel.
- DD member Bill Brown made a motion from the floor. The motion is as written: " We, The Dolphin Democrats, wish to communicate to the organizers of Stonewall Pride, that we do not welcome Broward County Sherriff Gregory Tony to participate and march in the upcoming 2019 Stonewall Pride festivities due to his recent actions attacking a juvenile transgender teen."
- DD BOD member Carson Graham seconded the motion.
- Many voted in favor, many abstained form voting, one went on record against. The motion passed.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 P.M.