



Dolphin Democrats
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 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 7:02 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**
3. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary, Aaron Darr, quorum met.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** August 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.
5. **Public Officials, Past Presidents, and Other Leaders (recognize)**
Rep. Shevrin Jones, Ryan Greenberg, Candidate for Broward County School Board, Howard Forman, Clerk of the Courts Candidate, Linda Gonzalez Thompson, Candidate for Florida House, D 93, Teresa Williams, Broward County State Attorney Candidate, Ian Dunne, Secretary of Florida Young Democrats, Michael Albetta, Regional Director and DD Past President, Amber Vaughan, President of The Broward Young Black Progressives, Clay Miller, President of Broward Young Democrats, Emma Collum, Vice Chair of Ruth's List, Cynthia Busch, Chair of Broward County Democratic Party, Jamie Friend, President of Broward County Democratic Progressive Caucus of Florida, Nancy Fry of Mom's Demand Action, Ron Mill, DD Past President, Dennis, President of The Oakland Park and Wilton Manors Democratic Club, Various Representatives of the Hollywood LGBT Commission.
6. **Report of Officers**
 - a. **Secretary's Report:** Sec. Aaron Darr
No Report
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Adam Sabin
Balance: \$13,543.34
 - c. **President's Report:** President Alfredo Olvera
Dolphin Democrats 2019 Annual Gala
Reminder of Holiday Part in December
September Membership Mixer
October Meeting is 10/16/2019
 - d. **Vice President's Report:** Nik Harris
Played "*CHECK YOUR PRIVILEGE.*" Use the privileges that you have to speak up for others who may not have the privileges you have been allotted.
7. **Reports of Committees:**
 - a. **Membership Committee:** Paul Sparandera Jr.
Total Members: 301 members
 - b. **Volunteer Committee:** Anthony Ginsberg
***Solicit/Follow-up for Silent Auction items for the Annual Awards Gala.
***Voter Registration opportunity: Poverello Center, 2056 N. Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors.
Every Thursday, 10 am. - about 1:30 pm. shift. Inside, A/C. VR only (no petitions).
*****REGULARLY** check your voter registration status:



***Immediate & future volunteer opportunities with the Voter Protection effort of the Florida Democratic Party. Contact Brandon Peters, Director, Voter Protection: bpeters@floridadems.org

***Multiple other voter registration and petition signature collection opportunities around Broward that may be more convenient depending on where you live.

- c. **Fundraising & Events Committee: Lindsay Pollard**
 - Dolphin Democrats 2019 Annual Gala
 - Need to purchase tickets and donation of silent auction items.
 - d. **Elections and Endorsements Committee: Zachary Durand**
 - Zachary Durand spoke about the endorsement process and upcoming forums starting in January of 2019.
 - Election for 2 BOD Positions:
 - Michael Bracchi and Lorenzo Robertson
 - Michael Albetta moved to suspend the election as there are no other candidates and fully support the election of Michael and Lorenzo to the BOD of the DD.
 - Justin Proffitt seconded this motion. All in favor; None opposed. Both Michael and Lorenzo were elected as BOD members unanimously.
- 8. Speakers:**
- Gabriel Pabon, Trans Activist**
 - Spoke on his personal transition and story as a trans man of color.
 - Ebonni Chrispin, Legislative Affairs & Community Engagement, AIDS Healthcare Foundation.**
 - Ebonni spoke in depth about the work of AHF, the need for access to more affordable housing in Fort Lauderdale; South River Place: Healthy Housing Foundation, 500 unit, low income housing unit.
 - Representative Shevrin Jones**
 - Spoke about the importance of voting in 2020 and his story in coming out as a gay man as both a person of color raised in church and an elected official.
- 9. Announcements for The Good of The Party**
- Women's March Reception
 - Ruth's List Gala
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 PM**