



Dolphin Democrats
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
The Pride Center at Equality Park

MINUTES

1. **Call of Meeting to Order:** President, Alfredo Olvera (7:00 pm)
The Dolphin Democrats sponsored the pizza for the January 2020 meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Stephen Gaskill, President of the FL. LGBTQ+ Dem Caucus
3. **Attendance/Quorum:** President, Alfredo Olvera; A quorum was met to hold the general meeting.
President Olvera recognizes new members.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** January 2020 Membership Meeting; Minutes approved unanimously.
5. **Moment of Silence** - Led by President Alfredo Olvera
6. **Remembering Terry DeCarlo** - Led by President Alfredo Olvera
7. **Voter Registration reminder** - Led by President Alfredo Olvera
8. **Board of Directors Elections - Dir. Robinson-Dougherty**
The members voted by acclamation to re-elect Carson Graham, Anthony Ginsberg, Zachary Durand, and newly elect Juan Saavedra to the Board of Directors all of the with term ending February 2022
9. **Public Officials, Past Presidents, and Other Leaders (recognize)**
Angelo Castillo, Frank Ortis, Tom Lynch, Tim Longergan, Mitch Cesar, Michael Albetta, Past President of Dolphin Democrats, Ron Mills, Past President of Dolphin Democrats, Percy Johnson, Past President of Dolphin Democrats and Vice-Chair of the Florida Democratic Disability Caucus, and President of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Democratic Club, Mitch Cesar, Candidate for Broward County Supervisor of Elections, Gordon Weeks, Candidate for Broward County Public Defender, Stephen Gaskill, Ron Mills, Julie Garson, Teresa Williams, Ruby Green, Paul Rolli, Justin Flippen, etc.
10. **2020 Census Presentation** - led by Dir. Robinson-Dougherty
11. Director Collum Briefed the membership on the March 17th presidential primary.
12. **Endorsement of Pembroke Pines Mayor:**
 - a. Mayor Frank Ortis & Commissioner Angelo Castillo addressed the membership for 3 minutes each as to why they are seeking an endorsement from the Dolphin Democrats.
13. **FL LGBTQ+ Dems Caucus President Report, Stephen Gaskill**
The Winter Caucus Conference is occurring March 5th - 8th.
14. **Vice-President's report by Nik Harris.**
LGBTQ+ Black History Month Recap
15. **Treasures Report by Adam Sabin**
Bank Balance: \$22,424.42
Notable Financial Activity in last month:
 - a. Income: \$3,615 in donations and new membership payments.
 - b. Expenses: \$5,764.73 in operating expenses, notably from:
 - i. \$1,299.16 for pre-registering for Stonewall Pride in June 2020
 - ii. \$232.00 for pre-registering for Pride of the Americas in April 2020



- iii. \$1,200.00 Sponsorship of the FL LGBTQ+ Caucus' Winter Conference
- iv. \$435.00 Sponsorship of Broward Democratic Party's Obama Roosevelt Gala
- v. \$170.00 Sponsorship of Oakland Park / Wilton Manors Gala
- vi. \$716.00 in rent expense to Pride Center (Jan & Feb Rent)
- vii. LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus' Winter Conference: Orlando (3/6/2020 - 3/8/2020)
- viii. Early bird prices for registration ends March 5th, so if you're planning to attend then buy your tickets as soon as possible!
- ix. Hotel block (@ \$149 per night - Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside Hotel) are being held until 2/13/2020, so make sure you book your room ASAP.
- x. Sunbiz Annual Report - due 5/1. The report will be filed once we determine who will be filling the vacant Secretary position.

**16. The Public Defender Candidates Forum - Gordon Weeks, Ruby Green, Tom Lynch.
Moderated by Vice President Harris**

17. Strawpoll Results - 1st Place, Michael Bloomberg. 2nd, Pete Buttigieg. 3rd, Elizabeth Warren.

18. President's Report: President Alfredo Olvera

The April Dolphin Democrats Membership Meeting has been moved to April 1st to accommodate the Passover holiday. This meeting will be a forum for Broward County School Board Members who have reached the financial threshold of \$2,000.

19. Municipal Endorsement Announcement

The winner of the endorsement for Mayor is Angelo Castillo

20. Announcements for The Good of The Party

a) Nancy Fry, on behalf of Joshua Rydell will be hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, March 1st.

b) Dir. Lindsay Pollard, Mayor Bloomberg's Wilton Manor's Office Opening will be on Feb 16th.

c) President of Fort Lauderdale University Judge Ilona Holmes, announced that the National Council of Negro Women will be holding a forum on your finances after you pass away in the coming weeks.

d) NAACP will be hosting a forum of Black Judges on February 27th.

e) Damara Holness, is hosting a VR event at 4325 W Sunrise Blvd to register NPAs to DEMS on February 16th.

21. Commissioner Angelo Castillo thanks the membership

22. Meeting Adjourned at 9:16pm.