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DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2021 7:00pm - 8:00pm

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** President Alfredo Olvera Called the meeting to order at 7:02
2. **Attendance**
 - a. Determination of Quorum: Secretary Tina Jaramillo stated quorum has been met. (Quorum 48/37)
3. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** [March 10, 2021](#) Minutes for 03/10/2021 Membership Meeting were approved by the membership
4. **Reports:**

Prior to the reading of reports Vice President Nik Harris held a moment of silence for Congressman Alcee Hastings.
President Alfredo Olvera stated that he wants to challenge elected officials to speak up for trans folks and black folks.

 - a. President:
 - i. AIDS WALK: President Alfredo Olvera encouraged members to join the AIDS Walk and donate to the cause so the Pride Center can continue providing education about HIV/AIDS
 1. President Alfredo Olvera wanted to thank all who have joined and/or donated.
 - a. We have raised \$1,446
 - ii. T-SHIRTS: President Alfredo Olvera stated that T-shirts will be for sale this weekend for \$20 each and encouraged members to purchase a shirt.
 1. All proceeds will go towards 2022 GOTV efforts
 - iii. Board Vacancies - Zachary Durand & Adam Sabin --President Alfredo Olvera explained that there are two board vacancies because Zachary Durand and Adam Sabin had to step down. He encouraged members to email him if interested: president@dolphindems.org
 - b. Treasurer: Treasurer **Hillary Dougherty** presented the Treasurer's Report
 - i. Bank Balance: \$16,087.81
 - ii. For the full report, click [here](#).
 - c. Committee
 - i. Campaign (Chair **Lorenzo Robertson** Co-Chair Empty)
No report

- ii. Membership (Chair Empty Co-Chair Jose Cedeno)
No report
- iii. Events and Fundraising (Chair Dawn Bossaller Co-Chair Lorenzo Robertson)
Dawn Gossaller gave the report (see notes below) She let the members know that the first event will be held in June. She asked for help from members.
- iv. Communications (Co-Chair: Nic Zantop Co-Chair Emma Collum)
Co-Chair Nic Zantop gave the report (see notes below) and also offered updates from the Pride Center. Co-Chair Emma Collum also reported, and she also gave an update on language and reminded everyone that women's rights are trans rights and transwomen and women. She also spoke on the Trans Sports Ban and encouraged folks to call Representative Omphroy and ask why she didn't vote with her party.
- v. Legislative: (Chair Anthony Ginsberg Co-Chair Empty)
Chair Anthony Ginsberg gave the report (see notes below) he also discussed bills that are moving forward (anti-transgender athlete bill, parents bill of rights, election administration bill).
- vi. Municipality and County Outreach (Chair Mary Eakins Co-Chair Grecia Rivas Smith Co-Chair Anthony Ginsberg)
No report
- vii. Club and Caucus (Chair Jose Cedeno Co-Chair Empty)
Chair Jose Cedeno gave the report (see notes below); he said the committee will be working on building relationships with the clubs in Broward County.
- viii. Community Outreach (Chair Grecia Rivas Smith Co-Chair Nic Zantop)
Chair Grecia Rivas Smith gave the report (see notes below); she asked members to share events that would be of interest to our organization.

5. New Business:

- a. President Alfredo Olvera held two polls to see how many members have been vaccinated and which vaccines were taken. Discussion was held on potentially holding live meetings soon.
- b. Guest Speakers:
 - i. Sarah Leonardi, Broward County Schools District 3
 - 1. Thanked Nik Harris for her words on Congressman Hastings and bringing up the fact that black lives matter.
 - 2. Offered updates from the School Board
 - a. She spoke about:
 - i. focusing on mental health for students and faculty/staff
 - ii. supporting our transgendered students and advocatng against the Trans Sports Ban Bill
 - iii. advocating for district facilities
 - iv. the executive order regarding testing and the impact on teacher performance
 - v. the update on graduation, which will be in-person w 2 guests this year
 - ii. Michael Brachhi, Wilton Manors City Commissioner
 - 1. Updated the members on what's happening in Wilton Manors
 - 2. Offered an overview of the strategic plan goals
 - a. Talked about a potential expansion for mixed use development (Urban Form Report)

- b. Shared some obstacles about the expansion plan
 - i. Some obstacles discussed was the misinformation that is being put out in the community.
 - c. Old Business: None
- 6. For the Good of the Party:**
 - a. President Alfredo Olvera thanked elected officials for coming to the meeting. He challenged all members to bring someone as a guest to the next meeting.
 - b. Linda Gonzalez wanted to personally extend an invitation to the legislative wrap up session that will be held on May 4th by the Lauderdale by the Sea Democratic Club.
 - c. Treasurer Hillary Dougherty asked for support to get Chip LaMarca out of office and for help finding someone to run against him in the 2022 election.
 - d. John Moreno Escobar asked for members to join the Hispanic Caucus of Broward, and he explained that the Hispanic Caucus of Broward may move their meetings so they don't overlap with the monthly Dolphin Democrats meeting.
 - e. Eli Y spoke about the run small project he runs called People's Truth Radio, and he also expressed that he likes what the organization is working on.
 - f. Daryl Campbell stated he is a new member of Dolphin Dems; he explained that he wants to get more engaged.
 - g. Vice President Nik Harris wanted to echo what Treasurer Hillary Dougherty said regarding Chip LaMarca. She wanted to encourage all members to be fired up for 2022 and work toward getting Chip LaMarca out.
- 7. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Committee Reports

- 1. Campaign: (Chair Lorenzo Robertson Co-Chair Empty)
No report this month
- 2. Membership: (Chair Empty Co-Chair Jose Cedeno)
No report this month
- 3. Events and Fundraising (Chair Dawn Bossaller Co-Chair Lorenzo Robertson)
The Events & Fundraising Committee is excited to welcome three new volunteers to the team:
 - John Zurcher
 - Marcia Chavez
 - Maya Danni

Our Q2 meeting will be held no later than 5/3/21, with date requests emailed to the committee members this evening.
Awaiting response from The Butcher's Barrell to confirm we can host our mixer there on 6/25/21 from 5:00-8:30

Please note Marcia is one of 5 member recruits for 2021.
- 4. Communications (Co-Chair: Nic Zantop Co-Chair Emma Collum)
The Communications Committee will continue to uplift, write, and design to communicate with the members.
- 5. Legislative (Chair Anthony Ginsberg Co-Chair Empty)

The Legislative Committee currently has 11 members.

Our first full committee meeting was held on April 7th where we developed a plan to track bills and create action alerts as well as creating a legislative wrap up event. We recently focused on HB 1, and with collaboration from the Communications, Clubs & Caucuses, and Community Outreach committees, we were able to successfully send out our action alert.

6. Municipality and County Outreach (Chair Mary Eakins Co-Chair Grecia Rivas Smith Co-Chair Anthony Ginsberg)

No report this month

7. Club and Caucus (Chair Jose Cedeno Co-Chair Empty)

- The Clubs & Caucuses Outreach Committee continues to seek Volunteers to join us accomplishing our goals. Our mission is to collaborate with other Clubs, Caucuses and appropriate organizations throughout Broward County. We intend to inform them about the DolphinDems, advocate for LGBTQ+ issues and learn about and support the efforts of our partner organizations. Interested in joining our Team? Please call or text José at (908) 400-8062.
- In collaboration with the Legislative Committee, we reached out to other Clubs and Caucuses for support with ACTION ALERT: OPPOSE HB 1 / SB 484 – COMBATING PUBLIC DISORDER. • We will be attending the upcoming Council of Club Presidents meeting on April 20th to establish Clubs & Caucuses returning this year and initiate our outreach efforts.
- With the Communications Committee's assistance, we created a communiqué and sent introductory messages to Clubs, Caucuses and other organizations.
- Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30p

8. Community Outreach (Chair Grecia Rivas Smith Co-Chair Nic Zantop)

The Community Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers, members of other pro-LGBTQ organizations, Dolphin Democrats endorsed candidates, and community leaders to support our outreach efforts in building community awareness and support of LGBTQ+ related issues.

Anyone interested in brainstorming ideas for awareness initiatives and community engagement efforts is encouraged to sign up here: <https://forms.gle/rGzQKFwiMJWwDuySA>

Members are also encouraged to submit topics of interest for future workshops and training at the link above.