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DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

June 9, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** President Alfredo Olvera Called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
2. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary - Tina Jaramillo
 - a. Determination of Quorum: Secretary Tina Jaramillo stated quorum has been met. (Quorum 44/38)
3. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** [May 11, 2021](#): Minutes for 05/11/2021 Membership Meeting were approved by the membership
4. **Moment of Silence:** President Alfredo Olvera held a moment of silence to:
 - a. remember the 28 Transgender or Gender Non-Conforming people killed this year.
 - i. [See HRC Report HERE](#)
 - b. remember James Basmajian - Past VP of Dolphin Dems
 - c. remember Eric Ginnegar - Member, Activist and Volunteer
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **President:** President Alfredo Olvera held a poll on the current gubernatorial candidates; Nikki Freid won; he also discussed the following:
 - i. Pride Month
 - ii. Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Saturday, 06/19- March with us [SIGN UP](#)
 - iii. T-Shirts are now for Sale \$20 each: [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)
 - iv. Membership Mixer [RSVP HERE](#)
 - v. July Membership Meeting - In Person - Location TBD
 - b. **Treasurer:**
 - i. Bank Balance: \$15,864.05
 - ii. For the full report, click [here](#).
 - c. **Vice President:** Nik Harris No Report, but she wanted to acknowledge that this year's Pride event falls on Juneteenth and spoke of the importance of remembering all communities that day.
 - d. **Committees:**
 - i. Campaign: **Lorenzo Robertson** - Chair Lorenzo Robertson gave the report; see report below for details.
 - ii. Membership: **Vanessa Villaverde** - no report
 - iii. Events and Fundraising: **Dawn Bossaller** - no report
 - iv. Communications: **Emma Collum & Nic Zantop** - see report below
 - v. Legislative: **Anthony Ginsberg** - No report
 - vi. Municipality and County Outreach: **Mary Eakins** - no report

- vii. Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno - no report
 - viii. Community Outreach: Grecia Smith-Rivas - no report
- 6. New Business:** President Alfredo Olvera listed the LGBTQ+ elected officials in Broward and then introduced the panel members.
- a. Guest Speakers:
 - i. Representative Omari Hardy could not attend.
 - b. A Conversation with LGBTQ+ Leaders
 - i. Florida Senator Shevrin Jones
 - 1. Senator Jones spoke about the latest Florida legislative session and the Governor's deliberate actions towards the LGBTQ+ community in terms of the Trans Sports Ban as well as his current veto of funds that would LGBTQ+ community and Pulse nightclub survivors.
 - 2. He spoke about putting good candidates forward and engaging national organizations to get behind our candidates
 - 3. How can we ensure that the LGBTQ community gains full equality in Florida: He spoke about workforce protections for LGBTQ+ community as a way to move toward full equality
 - 4. Senator Jones announced that on August 7th at 10am, he is holding a bill writing workshop and a workshop on how to apply to state appropriations.
 - 5. He said that redistricting is the most important thing coming up in Florida.
 - ii. Hallandale Commissioner Sabrina Javellana
 - 1. Commissioner Javellan explained that the State Legislature is making it harder and harder for cities to pass things because of preemptions by the State Legislature.
 - 2. She discussed how Hallandale police didn't like her position on police violence and that she continues to fight for George Floyds and Breonna Taylor's of Hallandale.
 - 3. She discussed full equality for the LGBTQ+ in terms of inclusion and said cities need to make sure that there are protections in every ordinance and resolution, and policies for the LGBTQ+ community
 - 4. She spoke about a letter to trans youth she and Commissioner Glassman and others worked on that told trans youth that they are supported, and which she asked community leaders to sign; she also said that Pride is a protest.
 - iii. Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Steve Glassman
 - 1. Commissioner Glassman spoke about his time with the Dolphin Democrats.
 - 2. He said the issues facing the Fort Lauderdale LGBTQ community are the same issues that the rest of America is facing. He discussed acknowledging and taking a stand on issues facing the LGBTQ community
 - 3. He explained that the Commission cannot take an active role in policy and that the commission has no control over Fort Lauderdale schools, but he said the City has hired an education officer and has a strong Education Advisory Board.
 - 4. He said that it's important to make sure home rule is at the forefront.

5. He explained that Fort Lauderdale had a feeding program that just wrapped up; that Fort Lauderdale was the only city who took advantage of federal dollars; and that Fort Lauderdale has been proactive with Covid,
 6. He spoke about having proclamations and recognizing good work; spoke about paid parenteral leave that would include LGBTQ parents.
 7. He also discussed the letter that he and Commissioner Javellana worked on; he mentioned that some elected officials did not sign on. He recommended that constituents email their elected officials to let them know what is important to them
- iv. Boynton Beach Commissioner Ty Penserga (had an emergency and could not attend)

7. Old Business:

- a. NONE

8. For the Good of the Party:

- a. Kim Schnitzius thanked the Dolphin Democrats for the article that will appear in the Broward Democrats Club and Caucus newsletter
- b. Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Democratic Club President Linda Thompson Gonzalez wanted to invite folks to a street renaming on Saturday, June 18th in honor of Harry and Harriett Moore.
- c. Young Democrats President Nancy Fry invited folks to Broward Young Dems and talked about the speaker series they are starting this year.
- d. President Alfredo Olvera recognized candidates Clay Miller, Jeremy Katzman and
- e. President Alfredo Olvera reminded everyone that Saturday 19th is Pride and invited members to march with the Dolphins
- f. President Alfredo Olvera invited members to attend the June Mixer on Friday, June 25th
- g. President Alfredo Olvera noted that the July meeting will be in person; place TBD.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Committee Reports

1. Campaign: Lorenzo Robertson -
We have our next meeting on Tuesday, June 8 and I can get you an update after the meeting. I will send you an updated report on Tuesday evening. I am sure our report will go on for the next meeting Board Meeting.
2. Membership: Vanessa Villavere - no report
3. Events and Fundraising: Dawn Bossaller
4. Communications: Emma Collum & Nic Zantop -
During the month of May and the beginning of June the Communications Committee made several social media posts honoring awareness days and holidays including National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, Pansexual Visibility Day, Memorial Day, and more.

The Communications Committee also shared several images on social media from an Equality Florida rally to #ProtectTransKids held at The Pride Center on June 1 where several Dolphin Democrats Board Directors and members were in attendance.

During Pride Month, several posts celebrating the LGBTQ+ community will be shared across the Dolphin Democrats social media accounts.

5. Legislative: Anthony Ginsberg - no report
6. Municipality and County Outreach: Mary Eakins - no report
7. Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno - no report
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