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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

July 14, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** President Alfredo Olvera called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm
2. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary - Tina Jaramillo
 - a. Determination of Quorum--Secretary Tina Jaramillo stated that quorum has been met (54/38)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Michael Albetta led the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance
4. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** [June 9, 2021](#) Membership meeting minutes were approved.
5. **Board of Directors Election:** President Alfredo Olvera introduced the Board candidates Nicky Vazquez and Adam Sabin.
 - a. **1 Director with Term Ending 2023:** Nicky Vazquez (Appointed) and candidates from the floor.
 - b. **1 Director with Term Ending 2022:** Adam Sabin and candidates from the floor
 - c. President moved for membership to approve Nicky Vazquez and Adam Sabin for board membership. The board members were appointed without dissent.
6. **Board of Directors Introduction:** President Alfredo Olvera introduced the Board of Directors
7. **Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders:** President Alfredo Olvera introduced elected officials, candidates, and democratic club and caucus leaders.
8. **Reports:**
 - a. **President:**President Alfredo presented the report
 - i. President Alfredo Olvera announced our current membership numbers of 258
 - ii. President Alfredo Olvera announced Dolphin Dems 39th Anniversary
 - iii. July Membership Mixer on Friday July 23rd, 2021 at 5:30-8pm
 - iv. Save the date for the 2021 holiday party on December 8, 7pm at the Delmar
 1. Asked for sponsors to host the holiday party.
 - v. T-Shirts are now for Sale \$20 each: [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)
 - b. **Treasurer:**Treasurer Hillary Dougherty presented the treasurer's report and the budget summary for 2021-2022.
 - i. Bank Balance: \$15,685.56
 - ii. For the full report, click [here](#).
 - iii. For the Approved Budget Summary, click [here](#).
 - iv. President Alfredo Olvera asked for sponsors for our upcoming meetings.
 - c. **Vice President:** Nik Harris - No Report (ABSENT)
 - d. **Committees:**
 - i. **Events and Fundraising:** Dawn Bossaller (ABSENT)- see report below
 - ii. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg - see report below
 - iii. Campaign: Lorenzo Robertson - no report
 - iv. Membership: Vanessa Villaverde - no report (ABSENT)
 - v. Communications: Emma Collum (ABSENT) & Nic Zantop - 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

9. New Business:

- a. Guest Speaker: President Alfredo Olvera introduced the guest speakers
 - i. **Joe Scott** - Supervisor of Elections
 1. Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott spoke about the updates to voter laws and the impact on voter registration.
 2. Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott also spoke about the new State rules with drop boxes and Broward County's drop box plan.
 3. Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott took questions from the audience.
 - ii. **Jasmen Rogers** - Folding Chair Consulting
 1. Jasmen Rogers spoke about building benches and strategizing for
 2. Jasmen Rogers spoke about current local and state races where current electeds have to resign to run.
 3. Jasmen Rogers spoke about the risk of losing black representation in seats across Broward.
 4. Jasmen Rogers encouraged folks interested in office to reach out.
 5. Jasmen Rogers took questions from the audience.
 - iii. **Stephen Gaskill** - President of the Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus
 1. Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus President Stephen Gaskill spoke about the summer conference coming up on August 6th-8th in Miami.
 2. Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus President Stephen Gaskill offered deadlines and encouraged members to attend.
 - iv. President Alfredo Olvera announced that we will be holding a school supply drive hosted by School Board Member Sarah Leonardi for Rickards Middle School at our July social and encouraged members to donate.

10. Old Business: NONE

11. For the Good of the Party:

- a. Candidates introduced themselves to membership. Club leaders announced upcoming events in their communities.
- b. President Alfredo Olvera thanked Denise Horland for donating masks and Jason Gad for donating champagne.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Committee Reports

1. **Campaign:** Lorenzo Robertson - no report
2. **Membership:** Vanessa Villavere - no report
3. **Events and Fundraising:** Dawn Bossaller - see report
 - a. July 23 @Cyth & Co. 3446 NE 12th Ave, Oakland Park, FL 33334. Jane Bolin & Dawn Bossaller to sponsor \$150.00
 - b. Future Mixers- Location TBD.
 - i. Aug 20- Marcia to sponsor \$150.00, need one more sponsor
 - ii. Sept 17- Need to 2 sponsors
 - c. Holiday Party- Del Mar Hotel
 - i. \$2500.00 deposit has been paid
 - ii. Alfredo to confirm
 - iii. Date-12/8?
 - iv. Need Sponsors \$250/\$500
 1. Committee to help find sponsors.
 2. Raffle Prizes
4. **Communications:** Emma Collum & Nic Zantop - no report
5. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg - see report

- a. This Legislative Committee report is a heads up to Committee members about an upcoming Committee meeting via Zoom within the next few weeks as well as a statement to all Dolphin members. The meeting will be a follow-up to tonight's presentation by our Supervisor of Elections, Joe Scott. The meeting's theme will be combating voter suppression and the anti-LGBTQ+ intentions of Florida's Republican leaders. The focus will be on concrete steps, to be taken in conjunction with the Community Outreach and Clubs & Caucuses committees, that will address voter registration requirements in light of the state's new elections law; the necessity and encouragement of voter registration training for, respectively, Dolphin Board members and the general membership; and opportunities for voter registration activities that engage multiple LGBTQ+ and allied organizations as well as outreach to local Hispanic and Brazilian communities.
6. **Municipality and County Outreach:** Mary Eakins - no report
7. **Club and Caucus:** **Jose Cedeno** - no report
8. **Community Outreach:** Grecia Smith-Rivas - no report