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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 11, 2021
7:00pm - 8:00pm**

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** President Alfredo Olvera called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary - Tina Jaramillo
 - a. Determination of Quorum--Secretary Tina Jaramillo stated that quorum has been met (29/25)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Michael Albetta led the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance
4. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** [July 14, 2021](#) Membership meeting minutes were approved
5. **Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders** President Alfredo Olvera introduced elected officials and candidates
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. Future Dolphin Dems In-Person Meetings: President Alfredo Olvera discussed future meetings and explained that more information will be provided at the September meeting and will keep members informed on whether we will move back to zoom.
 - ii. Recap School Supplies Collection at Mixer: President Alfredo Olvera stated that the collection drive collected over \$2500 worth of school supplies, which were delivered to Rickards and Northeast High School.
 - iii. School Board Decision - Mask Mandates: President Alfredo Olvera thanked the 8/9 school board members who voted to keep mask mandates.
 - iv. Dolphin Dems 39th Anniversary: President Alfredo Olvera reminded members about the party and that only vaccinated folks would be allowed.
 - 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: \$15,329.85
 - ii. For the full report, click [here](#).
 - c. **Vice President:** Nik Harris - No Report
 - d. **Committees:**
 - i. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg - see report below (PowerPoint)
 - ii. **Campaign:** Lorenzo Robertsor& Adam Sabin - see report below
 - iii. **Communications:** Emma Collum& Nic Zantop - see report below
 - iv. **Club and Caucus:** Jose Cedeno - see report below (PowerPoint)
 - v. **Community Outreach:** Grecia Smith-Rivas - see report below (PowerPoint)
 - vi. Events and Fundraising: Dawn Bossaller - no report
 - vii. Membership: Nicky Vasquez - no report
 - viii. Municipality and County Outreach: Mary Eakins - no report
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Guest Speaker:
 - i. **Harold Pryor**, State Attorney

1. Discussed the deficit his office faced and how the State Attorney's Office changed fiscal practices and got rid of the deficit in six months.
 2. Discussed the State Attorney's office's focus on criminal justice initiatives
 - a. Stated that the State Attorney's Office will no longer criminalize misdemeanor marijuana possession
 - b. talked about the diversion programs and recent successes and ways for folks to be part of the program (including undocumented individuals)
 - c. Talked about the creation of a hate crime advisory board by the State Attorney's Office
 - ii. **Gary Farmer**, Florida State Senator, District 34
 1. Spoke about the divisive climate and how that may be driving Governor DeSantis's executive order regarding the use of masks in school
 2. Thanked the Broward County School Board members who voted for the mask mandate and also thanked the Broward Teachers' Union
 3. Talked about the contentious legislative session and the transgender ban
 - iii. **Grace Carrington**, State Committeeperson for Broward County Democrats
 1. Discussed the August 10th Broward County School Board meeting regarding mask mandates
8. **Old Business:** None
9. **For the Good of the Party:**
- a. President Alfredo Olvera reminded folks to speak to people in their lives about getting vaccinated.
 - b. President Alfredo Olvera reminded members that vaccination cards will be required to attend meetings.
 - c. State Committeeperson for Broward County Democrats Grace Carrington stated that there will be a number of Action Days focusing on Congressional District 20.
 - d. Board Member Adam Sabin encouraged members to speak to family members there and encourage them to vote in the upcoming election and get registered to vote
 - e. Candidate Clay Miller holding an glass blowing fundraiser for his campaign on Monday, August 23rd
 - f. Micheal Albetta representing Marty Kiar reminded members about the Trim Notice that the Broward County Property Appraiser's office will be sending out (sending reminder only--the office does not collect the tax)
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Committee Reports

1. **Campaign:** Lorenzo Robertson & Adam Sabin - Co-Chair Adam Sabin gave the report
 - Join us!
 - We are actively recruiting Members to join our committee.
 - Please join us and have an active role in administering the endorsement process and help us hold candidates accountable.
 - Questionnaires
 - The committee has drafted a revised Municipal Candidate Questionnaire and have requested the Board of Directors review it and provide feedback by September 5, 2021.
 - Once finalized, the Municipal Candidate Questionnaire will be used as a template for questionnaires for other races (e.g. school board).
 - Next Committee Meeting: Monday September 6, 2021 at 6 PM
2. **Membership:** Nicky Vasquez - no report
3. **Events and Fundraising:** Dawn Bossaller - no report
4. **Communications:** Emma Collum & Nic Zantop - see report
 - An article by the Dolphin Democrats about the Equality Act can be found in the new Business Issue of *Embrace Magazine*. (Page 54)
https://issuu.com/sotomayormedia/docs/emb2107_business-issue_digital_v3/56

- The Communications Committee continues to highlight political news, LGBTQ+ community events and awareness days, and COVID-19 vaccination information on social media.
 - Please forward community news and events to info@dolphindems.org.
5. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg - see report
 - [PowerPoint](#) presented at meeting (joint presentation of Legislative/Club & Caucus/Community Outreach)
 6. **Municipality and County Outreach:** Mary Eakins - no report
 7. **Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno** - Chair Jose Cedeno gave the report
 - [PowerPoint](#) presented at meeting
 - The C&C Outreach Committee met on Thursday, July 22nd
 - All members concur our primary focus the remainder of this year and into 2022 will be the upcoming local and midterm elections.
 - Towards this end, and in collaboration with the Legislative and Community Outreach Committees, we will focus on:
 - Voter education,
 - Voter registration and
 - GOTV.
 - Our committee continues to seek new members to support our vital efforts securing voters' rights and a Blue Florida.
 - We are also searching for opportunities to work with other Clubs and Caucuses and engage high school and college students in this significant effort.
 - Anyone interested in joining our Committee or for general questions, please email outreach@dolphindems.org.
 8. **Community Outreach:** Grecia Smith-Rivas - see report
 - [PowerPoint](#) presented at meeting