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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 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 (56/26)
- 3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** [August 11, 2021](#) Membership meeting minutes were approved
- 4. Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders:** President Alfredo Olvera introduced elected officials and candidates
- 5. Reports:**
 - a. President:**
 - i. Future In-Person Meetings - Proof of Covid-19 Vaccine & Mask Mandate for all attendees
 1. Will be held in October at the Pride Center
 2. Pride Center has certain mandates (masks will still be required)
 - ii. 2 Open Directorship Positions
 1. Email President Alfredo Olvera President@DolphinDems.org
 - iii. Holiday Party - December 8th at 7:00pm
 1. Tickets go on sale in the next two weeks
 - iv. 2022 Membership New or Renewals - from 09/01/21 will expire 12/31/2022
 - v. T-Shirts are now for Sale \$20 each: [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)
 - b. Treasurer:** Treasurer Hillary Dougherty presented the treasurer's report
 - i. Bank Balance: \$13,699.21
 - ii. For the full report, click [here](#).
 - c. Vice President:** Nik Harris - No Report
 - d. Committees:**
 - i. Legislative: Anthony Ginsberg - see report below (PowerPoint)**
 1. Chair Anthony Ginsberg explained how members can help during National Voter Registration month.
 2. He outlined the SOE response to Senate Bill 90 passed last legislative session
 - ii. Campaign: [Lorenzo Robertson](#) & [Adam Sabin](#) - see report below**
 1. Chair Adam Sabin presented the report regarding the general membership recommendation meeting to be held on 9/23
 - iii. Membership: Nicky Vasquez - see report below**
 1. President Alfredo Olvera presented the report
 - iv. Communications: [Emma Collum](#) & Nic Zantop -no report below
 - v. Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno - no report
 - vi. Events and Fundraising: Dawn Bossaller - no report
 - vii. Municipality and County Outreach: Mary Eakins - no report
- 6. New Business:**
 - a. Guest Speakers: Candidates for US Congress , District 20
 - i. President Alfredo Olvera welcomed the candidates and stated that the candidates would

Speak in the order that they arrived. President Alfredo Olvera explained the process for a candidate to be endorsed by the state LGBTQ Caucus, and he explained that the recommendation meeting for the Dolphin Democrats will be held on Thursday, September 23rd for voting members only (questionnaires will be reviewed by the Campaign Committee)

b. Candidates in Attendance:

- i. State Senator Perry Thurston
- ii. State Representative Bobby Dubose
- iii. Broward County Commissioner Barbara Sharief
- iv. Mr. Elvin Dowling
- v. Ms. Sheila C. McCormick
- vi. Florida House Representative Omari Hardy
- vii. Dr. Phil Jackson
- viii. Priscilla Taylor
- ix. Commissioner Dale Holness

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **For the Good of the Party:**

- a. Honorable Emma Collum spoke about the Texas abortion ban, explaining that it is the most restrictive in the country, and she explained what the new law means and discussed how the Florida Legislature plans on doing something similar. She announced the date of The Florida March for Reproductive Justice to be held on October 2nd at Huizenga Plaza.
- b. Linda Thompson Gonzalez spoke about a non-partisan voter registration volunteer opportunity at the Brazilian Festival on the weekend of September 18th and 19th. She stated that Anthony Ginsberg, Kerry Ann Parsons, and the Lauderdale by the Sea Democrats are organizing the voter registration from 12-10pm each day and would welcome volunteers.
- c. Representative Marie Woodson announced that there will be a Democracy Day on September 25th regarding Senate Bill 90; the day will include canvassing, voter registration, and phone banking.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Minutes Recorded by Secretary Tina Jaramillo

Committee Reports

1. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg - see report

- o [PowerPoint](#) presented at meeting (regarding national voter registration month and SOE's QR code)

2. **Campaign:** Lorenzo Robertson & Adam Sabin - see report

- o 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.
 - Welcome Jesse Monteagudo to the Campaign Committee team!
- o CD-20 Special Election
 - Special General Membership Recommendation Meeting: 9/23/21 @ 7 PM (via Zoom).
 1. *This meeting helps determine which candidate the State LGBTQ+ Caucus will endorse.*
 - The committee will be meeting to review questionnaires and plan recommendation vote process for 9/23/21 special meeting.
- o Next Committee Meeting: Monday September 13, 2021 at 7 PM

- We will be reviewing CD-20 candidate questionnaires and
- Discussing meet-and-greet forum meeting (held during today's meeting) for any follow-up questions for candidates.

3. **Membership:** Nicky Vasquez - see report

- Members added to lists and groups are up to date and current. Nicky is caught up and provided lists so he will be taking attendance moving forward for each meeting
- Membership Committee meetings TBD

4. **Events and Fundraising:** Dawn Bossaller - no report

5. **Communications:** Emma Collum & Nic Zantop - no report

6. **Municipality and County Outreach:** Mary Eakins - no report

7. **Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno** - no report

8. **Community Outreach:** - no report