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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

October 13, 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 (42/25)
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **Last Membership Meeting Minutes:** [September 08, 2021](#)
 - b. **Special Membership Meeting Minutes:** September 23, 2021
 - c. Membership meeting minutes were approved
4. **Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders:** President Alfredo Olvera introduced elected officials and candidates.
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. LGBTQ History Month - Hispanic Heritage Month
 1. The president presented statistics regarding openly gay and Hispanic electeds and representatives but said that we need more representation.
 - ii. T-Shirts are now for Sale \$20 each: [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)
 - iii. Holiday Party Tickets now on sale
 1. Early Bird Admission \$65 until 10/29/2021 - [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)
 2. Sponsorship Available. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)
 - iv. Director Positions Open
 - v. Fort Lauderdale Pride in December
 1. We will have a booth for voter registration
 2. Our goal is to register at least 100 folks
 - b. **Treasurer:** Treasurer Hillary Dougherty presented the treasurer's report.
 - i. Bank Balance: \$13,067.02
 - ii. For the full report, click [here](#).
 - c. **Committees:**
 - i. **Legislative: Anthony Ginsberg - see report below**
 1. Chair Anthony Ginsberg gave the report. He explained how to use register to vote and how to sign up for ballot trax.
 - ii. **Campaign: Lorenzo Robertson & Adam Sabin - see report below**
 1. President Alfredo Olvera gave the report and announced that the Dolphin Democrats recommended Barbara Sharif for Congressional District 20 so the state caucus could make an endorsement. The recommendation happened via vote at a special membership meeting held on September 23rd, 2021.
 - iii. **Membership: Nicky Vasquez - See report below**
 1. Nicky gave the membership report. We have 287 members with 12 new members
 - iv. **Communications: Emma Collum & Nic Zantop - no report**

- v. Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno - no report
- vi. Community Outreach: - no report
- vii. Events and Fundraising: Dawn Bossaller - no report
- viii. Municipality and County Outreach: Mary Eakins - no report

6. New Business:

- a. Guest Speakers: President Alfredo Olvera introduced the guest speakers
 - i. Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried
 - 1. Spoke to the group about her candidacy
 - ii. Congressman Debbie Wasserman Schultz
 - 1. Spoke about achievements of the Democratic party

b. Old Business:

7. For the Good of the Party:

- a. Director Mary Eakins asked the group to call and email to commissioners and to make public comments regarding reproductive freedom.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Committee Reports

1. Legislative: Anthony Ginsberg - see report

- o The SOE Mailer: Voter Registration/Update – Vote-By-Mail Ballot Request – Ballottrax Sign-Up o THANK YOU!!! to Dolphin member Hunter Stephens, Westside Association of Wilton Manors, for posting the information about the Mailer on their Facebook page along with the QR Code. Your organizations can do the same
- o Ballottrax sign-up demonstration with Board member Nicky Vasquez.

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

- o CD-20 Special Election
 - At the Special General Body Meeting on 9/23/2021, The members voted to recommend Barbara Sharief in the CD-20 special election.
 - We communicated our recommendation to the State LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus, however an official endorsement could not be made due to a lack of Quorum at their endorsement meeting.
 - Thank you all for your participation and contributions throughout this process!
- o Next Committee Meeting: Monday November 1, 2021 at 7 PM
 - We will be discussing DD candidate questionnaires for the 2022 cycle, and revising them. ■ We will incorporate prior comments we've received in addition to new developments since the last election cycle (e.g. COVID-190, the October '21 FL legislative session, etc.) o

3. Membership: Nicky Vasquez

- o 2022 Membership New or Renewals - from 09/01/21 will expire 12/31/2022
- o 287 Members so far. 12 new members since last in-person meeting

4. Communications: Emma Collum & Nic Zantop - no report

5. Municipality and County Outreach: Mary Eakins - no report

6. Club and Caucus: Jose Cedeno - no report