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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 13, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm

1. Welcome/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

2. Attendance/Quorum: Secretary - Tina Jaramillo

a. Determination of Quorum: Secretary Tina Jaramillo determined that quorum was met (39/34).

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Michale Albetta led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. **Last Membership Meeting Minutes:** [March 9, 2022](#)

b. The minutes were approved without amendment.

5. Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders

a. President Alfredo Olvera invited elected officials, candidates, and leaders to introduce themselves to members.

6. Reports:

a. President: Alfredo Olvera

i. Florida AIDS walk: We raised \$1,900 for Florida AIDS Walk

ii. Art Exhibit next Friday, 04/22

1. President Alfredo Olvera explained that the proceeds of the event will benefit the Dolphin Democrats, the Pride Center, and Women in Distress.

2. He invited members to invite folks to the silent auction event.

iii. Charlie Crist next Saturday, 04/23

1. President Alfredo Olvera explained that there would be a meet and greet and Q & A with gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist.

iv. 40th Anniversary Gala Tickets and Sponsorship for Sale Now

1. President Alfredo Olvera invited members to buy their tickets to the gala scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 7pm.

2. President Alfredo Olvera explained that the honorees will be announced next month.

3. [Early Bird Admission](#) ends on 04/23

4. [Sponsorships](#)

a. President Alfredo Olvera also explained the sponsorship options.

5. President Alfredo explained that the gala will help fund efforts to win seats like the district currently held by Chip LaMarca.

v. T-Shirts are now for Sale \$20 each: [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)

b. Vice President: Schaffer Zaret

c. Treasurer: Hillary Dougherty

i. Treasurer Hillary Dougherty gave the Treasurer's Report.

ii. Bank Balance: \$32,856.83

iii. For the full report, click [HERE](#)

d. Committees:

- i. Legislative: Anthony Ginsberg and Matt Eaton - no report
- ii. Campaign: Lorenzo Robertson - no report
- iii. Membership: Nicky Vasquez
- 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: - see report below
- viii. Municipality and County Outreach: - no report

7. New Business:

- a. 2022 Legislative Wrap-Up: Representatives: Bartleman, Hunschofsky & Woodson i.
President Alfredo Olvera introduced the forum.
 - ii. Rep. Marie Woodson spoke about HB 1577, the Homeless Youth bill that she was able to pass with bi-partisan support. She explained that it will be law effective July 1st.
 - iii. Rep. Christine Hunschofsky spoke about working across the aisle and the bills they fought for and talking about the issues that are important to Floridians. She spoke about the bill she helped pass for Mental Health for Students. She explained the bill to members.
 - iv. Rep. Robin Bartleman indicated that each member on the forum has passed three bills this past session and that they are able to identify issues that are important to constituents. She spoke about a bill she passed regarding Mia Marcono's tragic murder. After her death, Bartleman passed a bill to ensure that maintenance workers get background checks and maintenance workers have to give notice prior to entering someone's apartment. She explained that attached to her bill is a prohibition of hourly rentals of hotel rooms.
 - v. Rep. Christine Hunschofsky. Occupational Licenses for Military Spouses, passed a bill that would provide a temporary work license to military spouses who hold an out-of-state professional license.
 - vi. Rep. Marie Woodson spoke about her bill that protects Florida homeowners whose homes were damaged to the point of uninhabitability will receive passes on paying property taxes until they move back in.
 - vii. Rep. Robin Bartleman spoke about her bill regarding flood gates. She explained that the bill would fund a study of the aging canal system to fend off severe flooding due to sea rise. She also spoke on real estate and a sexual assault victims bill that haven't gotten passed. She also spoke about bringing back her KidCare bill next session.
 - viii. Rep. Christine Hunschofsky thanked members for coming to meetings to hear about session updates. She noted that she had five bills passed ranging from DCF funding to school safety and mental health. She explained that two bills were close to passing, and one bill that didn't get a hearing but it was about regulating ghost guns. She explained that she does a survey before going to session to hear from her district. She said that all the respondents spoke about rent increases and homeowners' insurance, and none of that was addressed last session.
 - ix. Rep. Marie Woodson spoke about bills she wanted to pass. She talked about the support she had from her fellow reps in Tallahassee. She spoke about a bill she had for affordable housing, which did not pass.
 - x. Rep. Darryl Campbell spoke about his experience as a newly elected representative, and how he tried to work both sides of the aisle to get appropriations to get pushed through. He spoke about a bill he co-sponsor, HB 195, which focused on the juvenile diversion program and passed. He spoke about an amendment he added to HB7029 to add a research component to the bill to see the impact on juvenile justice, but it got blocked.

- xi. Rep. Robin Bartleman spoke about Rep. Campbell's amazing softball skills and how he carried the Democrats to a win this session.
 - xii. Rep. Daryll Campbell answered a question regarding his support of the LGBTQ+ community. He noted he does and will continue to support the LGBTQ+ community and fight for LGBTQ+ rights in Tallahassee.
 - xiii. Rep Christina Hunschofsky answered a question about vacation rentals and talked about home rule.
 - xiv. Rep. Robin Bartleman spoke about the housing crisis and the SHIP money. xv. Rep. Marie Woodson spoke about the Sandusky fund and how it's been mismanaged.
- b. Guest Speaker: Congresswoman Sheila McCormick
- i. President Alfredo Olvera introduced Congresswoman McCormick. Congresswoman McCormick spoke about the Covid bill that didn't get passed. She explained the importance of getting more seats in the Senate. She explained that Democratic members in Congress support the LGBTQ community. She spoke on the Build Back Better bill and how there was a component that dealt with the housing crisis.
 - ii. Congresswoman answered questions about her committee work.
 - 1. She's on Veteran Affairs, along with Education, Labor and Healthcare.
 - 2. She spoke on some bills she's working on, like a bill focusing on homelessness among others. She explained that they are trying to get more funding for committee projects and she spoke about the Compass Center in West Palm Beach.
 - 3. She explained that Congress needs to legislate things on the federal level to stop transphobic and anti-LGBTQ+ bills.
 - 4. She spoke about Title 42 and explained that it has been terminated as of May 23rd.
 - 5. She spoke about creating a standard to preclude state's from making harmful laws (like corporal punishment and seclusion of students).
- c. Guest Speakers: Jared Moskowitz for Congress
- 1. President Alfredo Olvera introduced Jared Moskowitz.
 - 2. Mr. Moskowitz spoke about his past political experience, from serving on the commission for city of parkland, to the Florida state house for six years.
 - 3. He led a special session after the incident at Pulse in Orlando and he also led the largest gun prevention bill after the tragedy in Parkland.
 - 4. He spoke about vaccination events he set up throughout Broward.
 - 5. He said he's running because democracy is under attack.
 - 6. Congresswoman McCormick spoke about how Moskowitz helped with the vaccination effort more than everyone.
 - 7. A member asked about his appointment to office by Ron DeSantis, and he wanted his assurance that Moskowitz will be with the LGBTQ+ community on all the issues and asked if he will vote with Democrats and democratic issues.
 - a. He said that he does not support Ron DeSantis and will never support him and that he has always voted democrat and will continue to vote democrat.
 - b. Moskowitz stated that he supports medicare for all.

8. Old Business:

9. For the Good of the Party:

- a. Elijah wanted to comendate HB 1557 said that it was a wonderful bill and thanked her for the Homeless Youth bill.
- b. Anthony Ginsberg announced the Oakland Park/Wilton Manor's Democratic Club's gala event occurring Monday April 25th, Lips Nightclub,

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Committee Reports

1. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg and Matt Eaton - no report
2. **Campaign:** Lorenzo Robertson - no report
3. **Membership:** Nicky Vasquez - no report
4. **Communications:** Emma Collum & Nic Zantop -see report
5. **Municipality and County Outreach:** - no report
6. **Club and Caucus:** Jose Cedeno - no report
7. Events and Fundraising: Jose Cedeno—see report

Events Committee Report

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Thank you to all who have purchased tickets early and/or who have sponsored the Dolphin Dems 40th Anniversary Awards Gala.

- Early Bird Tickets sold: 37
- Sponsorships: 4
 - o 2 Champion Sponsors
 - o 2 Rainbow Sponsors

Please be reminded Early-Bird Tickets are available through April 23rd and may be purchased [here](#). You can also sponsor our event at [this site](#).