



DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS

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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 16, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Dolphin Democrats was held in person on Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, at 7:00 pm with the President in the chair and the Secretary present.
2. **Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary - Tina Jaramillo
 - a. The Secretary determined that quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **Last Membership Meeting Minutes:** [October 12, 2022](#)
 - b. The minutes were approved as distributed.
4. **Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders**

President Alfredo Olvera welcomed candidates and elected officials.
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **President:** Alfredo Olvera
 - b. President Alfredo Olvera reminded members that November is transgender awareness month and invited director Adrianna Tender to speak about upcoming events.
 - i. Transgender Awareness events: award show at Hunter's on November 17th, 2022 at 6:30pm
 - ii. Sunday, Nov 18, 2022 will be Transgender Awareness Day beginning at Justin Flippen park beginning at 6pm then walk to The Pride Center for a 7:00 pm program.
 - iii. Board of Directors elections coming up on February 8, 2022.
 1. President Olvera noted the requirements to run for a position and noted that there are several positions open
 - a. President/Vice President as one ticket
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. 3 directors
 2. President Olvera noted that the Nomination Committee consists of Jose Cedeno, Mark McKenzie, and Adriana Tender
 - iv. President Alfredo Olvera noted that 17/24 candidates endorsed by the Dolphin Democrats' won their elections
 - v. President Olvera recognized volunteers who helped during the election season.
 - vi. President Olvera recognized volunteers from the LGBTQ Voters Center and highlighted their efforts with text messaging, phone banking, and canvassing.
 - c. **Treasurer:** Hillary Dougherty
 - i. 2022-2023 Budget
 - ii. **October Bank Balance:** \$32,962.93
 - iii. **Current Bank Balance:** \$23,293.95
 - iv. The report of the Treasurer was read by Treasurer Hillary Dougherty.
 - d. **Committees:**
 - i. **Membership:** – Members - 353
 - ii. The report of the Membership Committee was read by Membership Chair Nicky Vasquez.

6. New Business:

- a. President Olvera announced that the Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 [Tickets For Sale](#)
 - i. President Olvera also encouraged members to sponsor the event.
- b. President Olvera encouraged members to group by area to speak about issues in their area and invited members from each group to speak on the issues important to their community.
- c. Recap - Election 2022
 - i. President Olvera went over the wins and losses of the Midterm elections on the federal, state, and local levels. As well as ballot measures that passed nationwide (including California, Michigan, and Vermont codifying abortion rights).
 - ii. President Olvera explained that members need to get in touch with members of their community (through neighborhood teams) and approach things from a business perspective.
 - iii. President Olvera spoke about fundraising on the local level and considering paying volunteer staff.
 - iv. Discussion was held with members about what they believed went wrong. Issues covered were: lack of funds, fundraising texts from out of state rather than local, and lack of presence of canvassers.
 - v. Discussion was also held on strategic planning and unifying the message. And that Dolphin Democrats are set up to be precinct captains and run candidates for elected seats.
 - vi. President Olvera noted that folks need to volunteer and if they can't, then they can donate money.
- d. Guest Speaker: Sarah Leonardi, School Board Member
 - i. School Member Leonardi updated members on the current situation with the School Board of Broward County's firing of Superintendent Vicki Cartwright by a five member majority voting block.
 - ii. School Board Member Leonardi explained that the same five member block voted to give 9 million dollars to charter schools out of the public school fund.
 - iii. Discussion was held on what members can do to support the school board.
 - iv. School Board Member Leonardi offered ways for folks to submit public comment:
 1. [Online Form](#)
 2. Email: publiccomment@browardschools.com
 3. Attend the meetings

7. **Old Business:** None

8. For the Good of the Party:

- a. Adriana Tender asked for volunteers for the Trans Awareness week activities.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm