

## **Martin County DEC Meeting via Zoom January 17, 2022**

Mary Higgins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7pm. Verified quorum. Liz Grossman made a motion to accept the agenda and Dave Cross seconded. Minutes from December's meeting stand as read.

Introduction of guest, Stacey Peters, Chair of Small County Coalition (SCC) in Florida. She is presenting an overview of a new political committee, *Hey Florida*. Purpose is to identify where the FDP doesn't have a focus, which is mostly small counties. They have ten (10) counties on the short list that can benefit from this new political committee. Partnering with Blueprint for in depth assessments of small counties and the help they need with texting programs, billboards, and getting exposure to these small counties.

Introduction of guest, Jessiel Gerena with the Treasure Coast Young Democrats. The focus of the TC Young Democrats is to bridge the gap with DEC's and young voters, and get meetings on the calendar and on their website. Contact information is: [jessielgerena@gmail.com](mailto:jessielgerena@gmail.com) and 561-222-4618.

**Treasurer's Report, Liz Grossman**-Liz gave December's report, attached. Paypal account is also broken down in this report.

Beginning Balance	27,474.57
Income	603.00
Expenses	2,314.92
Ending Balance	25,465.65

**State Committeeman**-Not here, no report

**HOA Committee**-Flyer is at the printer, organizing volunteers, discussing the process to get materials to the volunteers.

**Volunteer Committee**-No report

**Event Committee**-Nothing to report

**Social Media**-No report

**Website-Hank Bonner**-Donation links are up, ActBlue and many other links are up now. One stop shop to learn about bills coming up, activist links about the environment, and how you can get involved.

### **Clubs & Caucuses**

**Democratic Club**-Marched in the MLK parade where Merritt Matheson, Commissioner, gave proclamations.

**Women's Club, Beth Smith**-Welcome Beth! Working on increasing membership and attendance. The members are currently working with Lori Fritsch addressing cards to single women in Florida.

**Environmental Caucus, Carol Ann Leonard**-Next meeting is tomorrow January 18th via Zoom. Please contact Carol Ann for Zoom link, [bonbinifromcal@aol.com](mailto:bonbinifromcal@aol.com) Many new links on the updated Martin County Democrats website for easier access for sending letters to elected officials. <https://www.martincountydemocrats.org/>

**Hispanic Caucus**-Oz had to leave the meeting. Sent Debbie the information: Please let folks know that our group has been focusing on getting out for canvassing/speaking with voters about registration, the November elections, etc. We were out in Golden Gate a few weeks back and made some great connections. We have paused things in light of the Omicron wave but are hoping the environment improves before the end of the month and we can get back out. Would

love to have folks join us. We have been going every other Saturday, in PSL and Stuart, and will provide details to anyone who is interested.

**Chair, Mary Higgins**-Update of the toys/gift cards received and donated from our Holiday Party. Susan Stutz will be taking over the newsletter, welcome Susan! Planned fundraisers this year are Pinot and Politics in April and Docketails in October. Phonebanks will be restarting on February 7th providing the Covid numbers are dropping. Looking to get Barney Frank to speak at Pinot and Politics, Paradeux will be performing and will be held at Ellyn's home.

1. Paula Albright made a motion to purchase 10 calendars for \$250.00 from NAACP and Bob Cunha seconded the motion, Unanimous vote for yes. Motion passed.
2. Suzanne Fox made a motion to donate \$500 to Hey Florida, a political committee, and Dave Cross seconded. The money is to support infrastructures in small counties to GOTV. Vote passed unanimously.

**2022 Budget Presentation, Liz Grossman**-Finance Committee nomination of Paula Albright to head the Finance Committee in developing the 2022 Budget. Dave Cross made the motion and Liz Grossman seconded. Debbie Kent was asked to serve on the committee and agreed. The next meeting will be Monday, January 24 at 6:30pm. Approval of the budget will be presented for approval at the next DEC meeting.