

Martin County DEC Meeting
April 19, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Margaret Cox; Mary was having technical issues. The pledge of allegiance was recited and quorum verified. Dave Dew made a motion to accept the agenda and Eric Buetens seconded. Liz Grossman made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Dave Dew seconded.

Election of three new DEC members are as follows:

Bennett Buckles-Precinct 2

Barbara Buckles-At Large Member

Hank Bonner-At Large Member and Webmaster

Scheduled Speaker Tricia Mischler was unable to attend.

State Committeeman Report, Dave Dew-Unable to attend due to being out of town.

Democratic Club President, Kat Kehoe-Michele Reilly has stepped down from the Vice-President role and nominations/elections will be coming soon. Protest information will be forthcoming.

Democratic Women's Club President, Carol Schram-Carol is unable to attend.

Environmental Caucus President, Carol Ann Leonard-Carol Ann talked about the Savannas Preserve State Park in St. Lucie. Aquatic spraying and dying manatees and dying seagrasses. Ben Lovelace, Vice Chair will be hosting the meeting 4/20/21 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please email Carol Ann at bonbinifromcal@aol.com for link and further information. Ben will talk about the Dem website and information on the caucus. We welcome you to join the caucus!

Progressive Caucus, Jami Duckson-Jami was not present; Zina provided the update of considering venues for a fundraiser.

Hispanic Caucus, Oz Vazquez-Oz sent an update of the caucus plans. They have been busy planning the vaccine information event in Indiantown that many folks are familiar with from the discussion at the Club meeting. As part of the planning and general outreach, we plan to attend the Spanish Mass this Sunday, April 25 at 11am. The plan is to arrive shortly before the 11 o'clock service and get together for lunch. Email tcdemocatas@gmail.com if you would like to join or have any questions. The next meeting is Thursday, 4/29/21 and hope folks can join us.

Vice Chair, Margaret Cox-Will bring up discussion of the *60 Minutes* segment on DeSantis.

Chair, Mary Higgins-Mary sent an attachment of a photograph of the resume for Glenn Hutchins, Senior Policy Advisor and Strategic Advisor/Special Counsel, to the Florida Democratic Party, this is a volunteer role. Mr. Hutchins will assist in policy and strategic initiatives and secure resources to build a sustainable, grassroots, year-round, statewide infrastructure.

- Mary has offered the office for State party use, but hasn't heard anything as yet.
- Mary and Dave C. are working on the SCC (Small County Coalition) strategic planning.
- If you are a precinct leader please get with Dave Cross and work towards becoming familiar with your precinct. We know and understand everyone is exhausted.
- Dennis Fruitt is leading the fundraising effort with a 2-phase approach. DEC members participate and whatever they can to support the monthly bills. That way 100% of the other donation money will go to GOTV (Get Out The Vote) and other endeavors.

Old Business-If you have a continuing donation, please send the form back so we could track it.

New Business-Margaret Cox brought up the Palm Beach democrats that defended DeSantis in regards to the *60 Minutes* segment about Publix and vaccine distributions. David Kerner and Melissa McKinley also defended the Governor. Many attendees sent different links from news outlets in the chat box and I tried to capture them and send in a document to everyone.

- July will be our first non-Zoom meeting.
- Kevin Winchell will be providing Staff Training on July 31st and St. Lucie County's Falon Lofley will be co-hosting the training.
- Docktails has been scheduled for 11/13 and Patty Koff will take the lead.

Liz Grossman made a motion to adjourn and Margaret Cox seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.