

**Martin County DEC Meeting
May 17, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The quorum was verified. The group cited the Pledge of Allegiance. Liz Grossman made the motion to accept the agenda and Ellyn Stevenson seconded. Meeting minutes stand as read after asking the group for changes/corrections.

We will introduce Ella Garcia, Florida High School Dems when she joins us.

Treasurer's Report, Bill Smithson-Bill Smithson presented our proposed budget for the 2021 year, created by the Finance Committee Chairman Liz Grossman and working with the committee and Bill S. It was approved through the April Steering Committee.

Previous balance \$24,828.27, Income \$2,194.38, Expenses \$1,352.47, Ending balance \$25,670.18. Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made by Bob Cunha and seconded by Ellyn Stevenson. Report was accepted unanimously and thanked Bill for his work.

State Committeeman, Dave Dew-Report from the Judicial Committee is the Plaintiff in Walton lost their case. The Rules Committee is under pressure from the DNC to change the weighted vote.

HOA Project, Debbie Kent-Meeting a new volunteer on Friday May 28 at 4pm to give them a possible timeline on the project.

Volunteer Project, Roseann Ryba-Have recruited a couple new volunteers. Possibly in the Fall will start VBM activities.

Events Coordinator, Suzanne Fox-Docktails is the annual fundraiser and we have booked the Dolphin Bar for 11/13/21, tickets will be advertised later.

Docktails Fundraiser, Patty Koff-Patty is working with others on a silent auction. She has contacted Manero's in Palm City and other businesses for donations which has been pretty successful in the early stages.

Data and Strategic Planning, Dave Cross-The VBM project for 2018 was good for two cycles. Now we must sign up everyone again and will have to

be renewed every cycle with the new law put in place. All precinct captains please reach out to Dave. Will be confirming with the Supervisor of Elections before proceeding.

Social Media, Paula Albright-All is quiet now except for event advertisements. Please contact Paula if you are planning events and want it advertised.

Website Committee, Hank Bonner-Hank has overhauled the website and walked us through the changes/ upgrades. It looks fantastic and is easy to navigate; also has more relevant information.

Club President, Kat Kehoe-The July event has been rescheduled for September.

Environmental Caucus, Carol Ann Leonard-The months meeting is tomorrow night 5/18/21 and if you need a Zoom link please email Carol Ann at bonbinifromcal@aol.com

Hispanic Caucus, Oz Vazquez-Oz will provide Hank Bonner with information for the website in regards to the Hispanic Caucus' planning and events. Recently there was an outreach in Indiantown and about 25-30 people showed up for this Covid event. The next meeting will be May 27, please contact Oz for a link to the meeting, ovazquez@post.harvard.edu.

Vice Chair, Margaret Cox-Margaret was excused.

Chair, Mary Higgins-The first fundraising letter brought in a lot of donations. Reminder to precinct leaders to get with Dave Cross. The office needs coverage for Wednesday during the summer while Gayle is in Chicago. The new connection and password for wifi at the office is: NetGear 72 and password is happyhill634. Next month we'll have Nikki Fried as our speaker.

Old Business-Is on hold for Margaret to report on Publix rebuttal update.

New Business-None

Announcements-Kevin Winchell will be holding a Candidate and Campaign Staff Training on July 31, 2021, 9am to 5pm. In person

fundraiser is Docktails scheduled 11/13/21 in person at the Dolphin Bar in Jensen Beach.

Liz Grossman made a motion to adjourn and Bill Smithson seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Everyone should have received the link for our speaker this evening, Anna Eskamani. Please log off Zoom now and click on the link in the original email. We will start promptly at 8:00pm.