



COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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www.coconutcreekdemocraticclub.org

Date	Tuesday, Sept 13, 2016
Time	7:35 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center

Meeting start

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Board Member Rene Chamberlain led the Pledge of Allegiance and then President Gayle played the Star Spangled Banner.

Gayle asked each of the members of the audience to stand up and introduce themselves to the Club. The following members spoke.

Richard Meade: He was Treasurer of the DEC

Sandy Welch: Is a life-long Democrat

Susan Wanderman: Lives in Wynmoor

Michael Gibson: Husband of Greg Gayle and lifelong Democrat

Fiorella: Was born in Argentine but now lives in the Township

Pepper: Originally from Texas

Shay: Originally from California and just recently moved to Coconut Creek

Ronny Sydney: Originally from Massachusetts; worked for Mike Dukakis.

Lois Sturmer: Originally from New York but now lives in Wynmoor

Jim Lansing: Treasurer and former president

Edwin Meyer: Lives in Wynmoor and is from NYC

Susi Glatt: Working with Hillary Clinton campaign now. In the past worked for the Kerry and Obama campaigns

Larry Wanderman: Served as past President of Coconut Creek Democratic Club.

Kate McClellan: Was recently in Iowa for the Democratic Caucus

Patricia Duaybes: Has been a member of the CCDC since 2005 and is presently working for the Hillary Clinton campaign

Rene Chamberlin: Has been a member of the CCDC since April. Early in her life, she was a Republican but became a Democrat after Bush #41

Greg Gayle: Just became the President of CCDC and wants to make this organization fun



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Club Business

- At the last meeting, Gayle made recommendation to the Board for the purchase of t-shirts, table cloth, and postcards. The Board approved the recommendation. The cost was approx. \$551.
- In order to increase community awareness of the Club, he would like to set up recruitment tables in different parts of the city. In order to do so, the Club needed to purchase table cloths. He also suggested that the Club be promoted on free, local websites.
- He suggested that members go to the website and "Like" us on Facebook.
- With reference to the November elections, members needed to become knowledgeable on the amendments on the ballot. For the Oct and Nov meetings, Gayle has invited a speaker from the League of Women Voters and George Cavros. Additionally, there will be City of Coconut Creek referendum questions on the November ballot. The County will also have an amendment concerning increasing the sales tax for designated county and cities projects. Called the penny surtax, one-half penny will go to the County and the other half to the City.
- The November meeting time was mentioned as a concern for some members as the date falls on Yom Kippur. After a brief discussion, it was decided to change the meeting date. The November meeting date will also be moved.
- Club Member Lavena addressed members concerning Waste Management. The company has plans to create a well to store industrial sludge. The sludge would be trucked into City for permanent storage. In response to the announcement, Board Member Shifrel said that the Club should be prominent in stopping these plans. He reminded members that a similar situation occurred years ago with Enron and "We defeated Enron."
- Shifrel also told members that he and others attended the official opening of the "Hillary for America" campaign office in Coral Springs.
- Mayor Belvedere asked members not to take any action regarding the Waste Management issue as a resolution on the matter was pending.

New Business:

- Gayle told members that the Club will discuss what to do about the Waste Management problem.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lansing told members that the Club has a balance of \$2,486.09.



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- Board Members Sydney and Shifrel addressed members on the Club's Fund Raising efforts. The Club is planning a fundraiser for Tuesday, Dec 13, 2016. Four or five members are needed to help with planning. The event will be a Wine and Cheese gathering. Shifrel will also be reaching out to local politicians for contributions.
- Gayle asked for Club approval of the purchase of the promotional materials. Members voted to approve.

Speakers

Gayle introduced the speakers. They were Kate McClellan, Field Organizer (Coordinating Campaign) and David Metellus, Field Organizer (Broward Democratic Party). Both spoke about how the national and county Democratic organizations are working together. They both appealed for volunteers.

Board Member Shifrel noted that politics has changed drastically over the years. The National campaign never fully invested resources in building infrastructure in Broward County. However, this year the County is fortunate to have both Kate McClellan and David Metellus in the county working to elect Democrats. He added that if members did not give their heart and soul in this campaign, the country will be stuck with Donald Trump. That means Donald Trump would be able to appoint Supreme Court Justices that would overturn Roe v. Wade, Marriage equality, etc.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Gayle played a YouTube video of some of President Obama's funniest lines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.