

# COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Time	7:35 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Auditorium

## Meeting start

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Board Member Fiorella Lavena led the Pledge of Allegiance. A recording of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung by [Marc Anthony at the 2012 DNC Charlotte](#) convention, was shown.
- President Gayle welcomed everyone to the meeting. Since the meeting was a joint activity between the Club and the Margate Democratic Club, attendees were asked to individually introduce themselves to the larger group.

## Old Business

- President explained that the June fundraiser, previously planned for Cooper's Hawk Winery, has been canceled. However, he added that the Club is planning to have another membership event in the near future.

## New Business

- President announced three new committee chairs.
  - Board Member Bob Julian is the new chair for the fundraising committee
  - Board Members Rene and Michel Chamberlain will chair the membership committee
  - Board Member Fiorella Lavena will assist with Social Media
- The Club's website has been updated with this information.

## Club Reports

- The Club's reserves are \$3,179.09.

## Speakers

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11 and there will be two speakers:
  - Alex Johnson, president of ACLU Broward
  - League of Women Voters representative
- Before introducing the night's guest speaker, President Gayle asked members to be respectful and open to listening to different points of view. He added that since next year is an election year, we will be hearing from many speakers and he encouraged members to listen to the speakers and then arrive at a decision.

### **Guest Speaker**

- President Gayle introduced Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler.
- Mayor Seiler spoke on the following topics:
  - Fair Districts
  - Advocating change in Tallahassee
  - Democrats' relationship with guns
  - Climate Change
  - Middle / Working class issues
  - Democrats' relationship with law enforcement
  - Planned Parenthood
  - Capital Punishment
- The Mayor answered questions after his talk.

### **Closing video**

- President Gayle informed members that he plans to present information on Democratic candidates running for office in 2018. He will be showing videos at each upcoming meeting. His first video was a campaign announcement for Chris King, candidate for Florida governor.
  - King is a third-generation Floridian who graduated from Harvard University, earned his law degree from the University of Florida, and founded Elevation Financial Group, a private-equity firm that says it specializes in affordable housing.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.