

## COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Time	7:35 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room 137

### **Meeting start**

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Member Fiorella Lavena led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star Spangled Banner was sung.

### **Old Business**

- The Club had a booth at the Coconut Creek Butterfly Festival on Sat, Feb 25 from 1 – 6 pm. Club members have volunteered to represent the Club. Two membership applications and 29 interest forms were received. President Gayle congratulated all the members who participated.

### **New Business**

- The Club will be hosting a membership event at the Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant on Sun, March 26, 2017. The cost per person will be \$40.
- The room will be paid for by Coconut Creek Vice Mayor Josh Rydell and Broward County Commissioner Mark D. Bogen.

### **Club Reports**

- There was a \$20 deposit from 2 new memberships.

### **Club Information**

- Nova Southeastern University Professor Timothy Dixon will be presenting at the Club's April 11 meeting.
- Gayle encouraged members to "Like" the Club's Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/ccdemocraticclub](http://www.facebook.com/ccdemocraticclub). He showed members some of the recent posts on the page.

### **News and Announcements**

- Coconut Creek will be holding municipal elections on Tuesday, March 14. Voters will select a commissioner for District "C". More information is located [HERE](#). Commissioner Sandy Welch spoke to the members and encouraged them to vote.
- Ronny Sydney is the newly elected Area leader for Area 2.

## **Club Elections 2017-2018**

- Grace Carrington (DNC/DEC) coordinated the election of club officers
- There were no nominations from the floor for any of the positions. Grace Carrington requested a motion that the nominations be closed. Ronny Sydney first and Sajan Kurian seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- With no new nominations, Grace Carrington requested a motion to vote by affirmations. Richard Mead first and Nora Rupert seconded.

Following individuals were selected:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>
President	Gregory Gayle
Vice President	Ronny Sydney
Treasurer	Jim Lansing
Secretary	Saima Farooqui
Board	Richard Mead
Board	Robert Julian
Board	Michel Chamberlain
Board	Rene Chamberlain
Board	Fiorella Lavena
Board	Josh Rydell
Board	Sajan Kurian
Parliamentarian	Jack Shifrel (appointed to position)

## **Guest Speaker**

- The meeting's speaker was Grace Carrington. Her many titles include Democratic National Committee member, Florida State Committee woman, and President of Coral Springs & Parkland Democratic club.
- Carrington spoke about her participation in the selection process of both the Florida Democratic Chair (Steven Bittel) and Democratic National Committee Chair (Tom Perez and Keith Ellison).
- She explained the new thinking of the state party and its plan to elect Democrats in the 2018 election.
- She ended her presentation by answering questions from members.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

- After showing a clip from the Daily Show, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.