



## COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Time	7:30 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room 137

### **Meeting start**

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He then welcomed everyone in attendance.
- Member Bob Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A video showing [Bobby Hill](#) singing the national anthem at the 2016 Democratic National Convention was shown.
- He also showed a [CNN video](#) with White House Deputy Press Secretary Raj Shah. In the video, Shah did not deny that President Trump and Justice Kennedy spoke on the selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as Kennedy's replacement.

### **Introductions**

President Gayle introduced elected officials, their representatives, and candidates to members. They included Becky Tooley (Commissioner, Coconut Creek), Jayne Chapman (Congressman Ted Deutch's Office), Rep. Kristin Jacobs (FL State House 96), Jeff Scala (Rep. Kristin Jacob's Office), Jessica Celona (Senator Kevin Rader's Office), Ryan Ross, candidate for Broward Commission District 2, Patrick Jabouin and Michael Albetta (Broward Sheriff's Office), Marc Bogen (Vice Mayor, Broward County and Commissioner District 2), and Saima Farooqui (VP CCDC and candidate for FL State House 96).

### **News and Announcements**

- President Gayle asked VP Farooqui to present to members concerning the purchase of new two Chromebooks.
  - As a way to support voter outreach (GOTV, canvassing, voter registration, etc.) the Board authorized the purchase of two Chromebooks. These books will be loaned to members who participate in club approved activities.
  - Additionally, the devices will be used for check-in at each monthly meeting.

- VP Farooqui researched and purchased the devices on behalf of the club. Using her knowledge, she was able to get a discounted purchase price.
- Jayne Chapman (Congressman Ted Deutch's Office) spoke to members about Identity Theft. She provided members with a brochure from the Federal Trade Commission and answered questions on the topic.
- President Gayle made the following announcements:
  - On Tues, Aug 14 Congressman Ted Deutch will be our guest speaker. This will be a town hall meeting and will be held in the auditorium. The Margate, Wynmoor, Coral Springs-Parkland, and Tamarac Democratic Clubs are co-sponsors.
  - The Club will be participating in the annual North Broward Labor Day Picnic on Mon, Sept 3, 2018 from 1 – 4 pm. The picnic will be at the [Pompano Beach Community Park](#). Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Club Reports**

- Gayle gave the treasurer's report. As of June 2018, there was \$2,039 in the club's account.
  - There were deposits of \$40 (4 memberships)
  - There was expenditure for \$200 (DNC candidate training), \$259 (room rental), and \$48 for the North Broward Democratic Club Labor Day Picnic on Mon, Sept 3.

### **Old Business**

- The club plans to have a membership initiative in Aug/Sept. The aim is to attract/target new members especially new residents to the city.
- Broward Vice Mayor Bogen supported a previous membership initiative and plans to support this new initiative as well.

### **New Business**

- None

### **Guest Speakers**

- President Gayle introduced Nora Rupert, Chair of the Broward School Board.
  - Chair Rupert spoke on the following:
    - Her history of working with students
    - Her background and passion for education
    - Her commitment to improving county schools. She highlighted her experience with area schools.
    - The importance of protecting students as well as the public education system

- The Parkland tragedy and its influence on the School Board and County
- The Aug 28<sup>th</sup> School Board ballot question
- Why it is important to have strong, knowledgeable, and experienced advocates on the School Board.

At the end of her talk, she thoughtfully answered members' questions.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

- Gayle asked Rep. Jacobs and Vice Mayor Bogen to provide members with an update from their offices.
  - Rep. Jacobs spoke about the challenge of climate change and the vulnerable condition of the state. She gave examples of how climate change affects the region.
  - She ended by talking about her history and knowledge of the subject and asked for member support on the Aug 28<sup>th</sup> primary.
  - Vice Mayor Bogen reminded members that he fought against Waste Management, which he believes does not enhance the quality of life in the City of Coconut Creek. He then answered members' questions about Waste Management, the landfill, and their role in supporting politicians.
  - He also asked for support on the Aug 28<sup>th</sup> primary
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm after Gayle showed a Saturday Night Live video "[Racists for Trump](#)".