

# COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Time	7:35 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room 137

## **Meeting start**

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Member Jane Julian led the Pledge of Allegiance. A recording of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung by Beyoncé at the 2013 Presidential Inauguration, was shown.

## **Old Business**

- The Club had a successful membership event at Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant on Sun, March 26, 2017. We had 32 attendees, including:
  - Broward Property Appraiser Marty Kiar
  - Broward School Board Member Nora Rupert
  - Broward Commissioner Mark Bogen
  - Coconut Creek Mayor Becky Tooley
  - Coconut Creek Vice Mayor Josh Rydell
  - Coconut Creek Commission Lou Sarbone
  - Congressman Ted Deutch's rep Theresa Brier
- In total, we raised \$1,060.

## **News**

- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Nova Southeastern University Professor Timothy Dixon will be presenting at the Club's April 11 meeting.

## **Treasurers Report**

- The current balance is \$3,229.09. This new balance is a result of a deposit of \$1,060 and new member fees.
- There was a motion to accept the report. It was approved.

## **New Business**

- Broward Commissioner Mark Bogen and Coconut Creek Vice Mayor Josh Rydell have generously offered to sponsor another membership event at Cooper's Hawk. The event is tentatively schedule for either Sun, June 4 or Sun, June 11.
- The admission will be free for members who bring a non-member to the event.

## Speakers

- Patti Lynn, Sheriff Israel's representative.
  - Told members that she is available should they have issues / questions for the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). She added that "Even though Coconut Creek has its own police department, BSO does work with the City as Sheriff Israel is the Sheriff of the county".
- Ron Lichtman, Special Assistant from Commissioner Mark Bogen's Office.
  - Ron encouraged members to contact him if they have any issues / questions concerning Broward County government.
  - He also talked about Commissioner Bogen's role in limiting trash at the Monarch Hill Renewable Energy Park and getting a Homestead exemption for veterans.
  - His email address is [rlichtman@broward.org](mailto:rlichtman@broward.org).
- Broward School Board Member Nora Rupert (District 7).
  - Spoke about the Broward County School Board and District 7 successes. She explained her role on the Board and how she is a strong advocate for students and schools. She also answered questions from members.
- Democratic Executive Committee Area 2 Leader Vice President Ronny Sydney
  - Gave an update from the Democratic Executive Committee. She encouraged members to help with preparing for 2018 elections. She talked about strategies for interacting with Democrats who are no longer participating in the electoral process. She also answered questions from members.

## Meeting Adjournment

- Gayle showed a clip from CBS This Morning featured Gov. Andrew Cuomo (5:33 min). He is the 56<sup>th</sup> Governor of the State of New York. He told members to email him names of potential candidates for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination for 2020.
- Members also want the Club to get more information on potential candidates for state-wide office in 2018.