



COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Time	7:44 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room B

Meeting start

- Vice President Saima Farooqui welcomed the attendees and started the meeting at 7:44 p.m.
- Member Xavier Page led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A video showing [Bobby Hill](#) singing the national anthem at the 2016 Democratic Convention was shown.

Introductions

- Vice President Farooqui had special guests introduce themselves. They were Patricia Duaybes (Area 2 Leader); August Mangeney (President, Margate Democratic Club); Ronnie Sydney (President, Wynmoor Democratic Club); and Cliff Esserman.
- She also had Board members introduced themselves.

Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

Treasurer's Report

- As of April 9, the Club had a balance of \$1,856.10. That amount included a check for Mayor Mark Bogen.

First Guest Speaker

- Mitchell Stollberg (Democratic Progressive Caucus of Florida Legislative Chair) presented to members on selected bills in the Florida legislature. During his presentation, he explained his organization's process of tracking bills. He reported on several bills including the following:
 - A bill that would result in books being banned in the state's public school system.
 - Health care bills that would change Medicaid eligibility
 - A parental consent bill for minors seeking abortion

Second Guest Speaker

- Barbara Markley (Broward League of Women Voters) presented on two gun safety initiatives. She is the chair of the League's Gun Safety Committee.
 - The first initiative is the Ban Assault Weapons Now (BAWN) campaign. BAWN is a non-partisan attempt to amend the state's constitution in order to limit access to assault weapons. She told members to visit TheTrace.org which provides information on gun usage in the United States.
 - The second initiative is the "Lock it Up" program. The League is providing free gun locks to the public after receiving 11,000 locks from the Veterans Administration. Statistics were provided that showed the link between suicide and access to guns. Florida does not have legislation requiring that household guns be "locked up", to report the theft of guns, or requiring household guns be stored safely.

Upcoming events

- The Florida Democratic Party will be hosting over 2,000 grassroots activists, elected officials, and major donors at Leadership Blue 2019. The weekend schedule includes trainings, meetings, and the highly anticipated Gala. The event will be **June 7 – 9, 2019** in Orlando. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Announcement

- Cliff Esserman told members about a scholarship for anyone interested becoming a parliamentarian.

Meeting Adjournment

- Vice President Farooqui showed a Saturday Night Live clip on the Mueller Investigation. Click [HERE](#) to watch it. The meeting was adjourned afterwards.