DRAFT - Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2017

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* Meeting was called to order by Chair Juan Cuba at 7:01 pm
* The pledge of allegiance was led by Juan Cuba.
* Moment of Silence
* Chair Juan Cuba gave the Chair’s Report at 7:03 pm
  + Chair noted the success of the digital program that the DEC contributed to Annette Taddeo’s successful campaign for Florida Senate in Senate District 40
  + DEC partnered with the Rivero brothers and Occupy Democrats to produce digital content
  + DEC is looking to help elect Democrats in the Hialeah, Miami, Miami Beach, and Homestead elections
  + The Blue Gala is poised to be a great success
  + State Convention is October 27 and 28th
  + Former County Commissioner Sorenson will be conducting a candidate training for the DEC
  + Arthur Costa will be stepping down as treasurer
* Campaign Chair report at 7:16 pm
  + DEC will be starting a new club in Little Havana
* Voter Registration Report at 7:19 pm
  + Florida has launched an online voter registration portal – www.registertovoteflorida.gov
  + We are looking for a way to help migrant Puerto Ricans fleeing the devastation of Hurricane Maria to vote
  + The Miami Gardens Democratic Club has won the voter registration competition
* Executive Director Carlos Condarco recognized the candidates for elected office in the room
  + Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, candidate for FL Congressional District 26 addressed the membership
  + Rafael Velazquez, candidate for Miami Beach City Commission the membership
  + Rafael Gomez, candidate for Hialeah City Council addressed the membership
* Quorum reached at 7:41 pm
* Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting
  + Motion by Seth Sklarey
    - Seconded by Steve Dloogoff
  + Motion passes unanimously at 7:52 pm
* Credentials Report given at 7:50pm
  + Motion to approve recommended actions of the Credentials Committee by Marybeth Prusher \*\*SEE ATTACHED
    - Seconded by William Byatt
  + Motion passes unanimously at 7:52pm
* Letter submitted to the Chair proffering a complaint against Rep. Joe Geller by Ernesto Medina at 7:55pm
* Issues Committee Chair report at 7:57pm
  + Resolution for Assurances that President Donald Trump is Capable of Making Important Military and International Policy Decisions and is of Sound Mind at 7:59pm
    - Motion to approve by Marybeth Prusher
      * Seconded by Tiina Lombard
      * Discussion
    - Motion to table by Chairman Cuba
      * Seconded by Carlos Condarco
      * Motion passes
  + Resolution to Support Local Democratic Candidates Campaigns made at 8:13pm
    - Motion by Ramon Guillen
      * Seconded by Angela Shylakov
      * Motion passes
  + Motion to amend resolution by Seth Sklarey to back each candidate with $1000 contribution each
    - Seconded by William Byatt
      * Amendment defeated
    - Motion passes unanimously
  + Motion to approve Resolution Denouncing Democrats Supporting Rep. Carlos Curbelo
    - Motion to approve by Cecilia Tavera-Webman
      * Seconded by William Byatt
      * Discussion open
        + Friendly Amendment to remove Mayor Otis Wallace from the resolution is accepted
    - Motion by Evan Ross to strike text of entire resolution
      * Seconded by Carol Jackson
    - Question called by Linda Alger
      * Motion Defeated
    - Resolution passes at 8:30 pm
* Chairman Cuba reads the name so prospective delegates to the membership
  + Motion accept delegates by Steve Dloogood
    - Seconded by Seth Sklarey
    - Motion passes unanimously at 8:31 pm
* Quorum questioned by Seth Sklarey at 8:35 pm
  + Quroum list
* Motion to Adjourn by Carlos Condarco
  + Seconded by Erika Grohoski Peralta
* Meeting Adjourned