

March 10, 2020 CG Dems Club
Books & Books, 265 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Bentonne Snay, Jane Moskowitz, Richard Thurer, Marjorie Wilkoff, Elizabeth Newman, Pat Thaller, Albert Clark

Members Present: Julie Samkoff, Karen Moore, Susan Schultz-Rubin, Marilyn Caputo, Alma Cirugeda Suarez, Gladys Saenz, June Frost, Janet Nostro, Penny Thurer, Karen Dreyer, Penny Austen, Norman Moskowitz, Carol Peckins, Monique Selman, John Tillson, Martha Schoolman, Bernard Cohen, Victoria Cohen

Guests Present: Pamela LaRoche, Alex Spillis, Erica Selig, Patty Perez, Laura Green, Matt Bauer, Patrick Ong, Susan Fletcher, Paul Fletcher, Elizabeth Mills, Rae Stein

I. Club Business- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bentonne Snay. Meeting minutes from the February 22, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously; and the Treasurer's Report stated CG Dems account balance is now in excess of \$4,000. There has been an increase in membership and contributions since the February meeting. The date for the wine and cheese fundraiser is being changed due to Passover. A list of upcoming activities was distributed.

II. CG Upcoming Canvasses and Other Activities

- a. Elizabeth reminded the attendees to encourage friends to join and take brochures for distribution.
- b. Bentonne mentioned the March 9th successful event featuring David Plouffe at Books & Books.
- c. Bentonne gave a recap on the canvassing of 4 precincts. We will be canvassing each precinct three times. The precincts have large numbers of registered Democratic voters. However, they are inconsistent in voting and not registered to vote by mail. Jane spoke briefly on the canvasses.

III. Surrogates Caucus Moderated by Board VP Jane Moskowitz

Jane introduced our surrogates Erica Selig who represented Bernie Sanders and Norman Moskowitz who represented Joe Biden. Erica Selig is a civil rights attorney, a Neighborhood Organizer for the Miami-Dade DEC for Precinct 532 in Coconut Grove, and a volunteer with the Bernie Sanders campaign. Erica gave her 5-minute opening statement followed by Norman Moskowitz. Moskowitz, an experienced white-collar criminal defense lawyer, was a prosecutor for eleven years in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami and, for several years prior, he prosecuted denaturalization cases at the Dept. of Justice against persons who collaborated with the Nazis.

Both surrogates spoke on their respective candidate's platforms, electability and vision, including health care, education, college loan debt, the single payer system, and climate change.

After the initial presentations, there was much discussion and meeting attendees expressed their

views and concerns and asked the candidates a variety of questions including their potential choice of running mate.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded and written by Secretary Marjorie Wilkoff as approved by President Bentonne Snay