

**Martin County DEC Meeting
June 21, 2021-Monday 7:30pm via Zoom**

Following our half hour Q&A with Nikki Fried the DEC meeting proceeded with a new Zoom link. Mary Higgins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and a quorum was verified. She led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Dew made a motion to approve the agenda and Barbara Buckles seconded. Following request for changes/corrections to the minutes, none offered; the minutes for the May 2021 meeting stand as read.

Bill Smithson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. Report is attached:

Dave Dew, State Committeeman, reported there is an approval of the plan to increase members to 400, allowing for diversity.

Debbie Kent, HOA, nothing to report as of now.

Roseann Ryba, Volunteer Comm, make calls for phone banking

Suzanne Fox, Events Comm, continues to work on Docktails event

Dave Cross, Data/Strategic Comm, the first phone bank will be on Monday at the office 4-6.

Paula Albright, Social Media, will start promoting Pinot & Politics event around July 4th.

Hank Bonner, Website Comm, added more FDP press releases and letters to the editor links.

Kat Kehoe, Democratic Club, July 5th the club will have an Independence Day celebration at Casa Tequila from 4-6pm. September 24th will be the Fall event at the Flagler Center with catering by Jimmy Smith. Buy your tickets now! Working with the sunshine committee to engage with the new people moving to the area. Created Facebook and TikTok committee and working on the task of converting disillusioned Republicans.

Women's Club, Carol Schram our Chair has resigned due to health issues and Anne Tessler is stepping up to lead the club.

Carol Ann Leonard, Environmental Caucus, is sending out phone bank information to members. Directing attention to <https://www.loxalucieheadwaters.org/> for more information on land planning

initiatives. Participating in letter writing on liquid gas issues. Contact Carol Ann for link to upcoming environmental caucus meeting, bonbinifromcal@aol.com.

Jami Duckson, Progressive Caucus, Jami was not here tonight.

Oz Vazquez, Hispanic Caucus, had a voter registration/Covid event at the flea market in Stuart. Next meeting is this Thursday, June 24th, email Oz for a link if interested in supporting ovazquez@post.harvard.edu.

Mary Higgins, Chair, Leadership Blue Gala will be in person and on Zoom, August 20, 21 & 22. Val Demings will be coming to Ellyn's house late in November. Precinct leaders should contact Dave for phone bank lists. St. Lucie and Martin County Democrats are partnering and setting a pop up Pinot and Politics on July 22nd at Ellyn Stevenson's and Dave Aronberg will be speaking. Docktails planning meeting will be July 19th with the event scheduled for November 13th at the Dolphin Bar. EJ Bernier is running for mayor of Port St. Lucie and will be at the Pinot & Politics event. The next DEC meeting will be a hybrid meeting, meaning both at the office and on Zoom. Candidate Training is on July 31st and is in person only.

Old Business-None

New Business-Oz Vazquez mentioned that EJ Bernier needs support and Dave Cross mentioned special elections in the last decade. Mary Higgins discussed the new website and the need to update the headshots of the officers and requested a motion to spend \$340.00 to accomplish this; Roseann Ryba made the motion and Liz Grossman seconded, motion passed.

Liz Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Barbara Buckles seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.