

Pasco Democratic Executive Committee

General Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021

The September monthly meeting of the Pasco Democratic Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Kelly Smith. A quorum was declared for the purpose of conducting business. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Secretary: As there was no business meeting last month, no minutes were presented. Chair Kelly Smith thanked Beverly Ledbetter for being the Interim Secretary and for her presentation at the Education Issues Forum held last month.

Treasurer: no report due to absence

New Business: The chair announced an election for the position of Secretary. Two members have self-nominated: Doris Carroll and Marilyn Holleran. Per Roberts Rules, the Chair asked three times for nominations from the floor and hearing none, nominations were closed. Each candidate was given 4 minutes to address the Committee. A vote was held for members via Google Docs and Marilyn Holleran was declared the winner. The Chair thanked all who stepped up to run for office.

The Chair stated her goal for Pasco – to deliver Pasco to the Democratic nominee for Governor in 2022. Our local focus will be on 2024. She stated that anyone knew of someone wishing to run in 2022, they need to begin the process now.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Jess Stempien spoke on her committee's work including creating t-shirts as a fundraiser and identity builder, podcasting, updating the website and creating one-pagers on issues.

Diversity and Inclusion: will be meeting next month.

It was announced that Ant Avila will be chairing a new committee, Precinct and Field and is looking for volunteers.

Legislative: Beverly Ledbetter reported that the Legislative Committee Week runs September 20-24. Several Constitutional amendments have been proposed such as making school boards a partisan position and prohibiting slavery in our state(!). She reported that no Texas-style heartbeat bills have been filed as of this date.

Elaine Togneri voiced a concern that the Campaign Committee needed to be re-organized and functional. Volunteers who are interested should contact Elaine.

Clubs and Caucus Updates: Each club and caucus gave an update on their scheduled meetings. Pasco NOW, Progressive Caucus Tampa Bay, and the Democratic Women's Club of Central Florida also gave an update.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ledbetter, Interim Secretary