

**LAKE NOW**  
**MAY 21, 2013**

**Date, Time, Location:** May 21, 2013, 7:00 PM, W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

**Count of Members and Guests:** 15 Members and 1 Guest

**Presiding Officer:** Sherrie Aly, President. Also in attendance: Carol King, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs; Sandee Paradise, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership; Karen Salvat, Treasurer. Barbara Hill, Secretary, was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Sherrie. The meeting was turned over to Carol King who introduced our speaker, Nancy Hurlbert, whose activism, ability to multi task and experience is exceeded by few. Nancy's experience in the legislative process as it impacts NOW issues is exceptional. Nancy provided a handout on legislative action that passed last session that have an impact on women and discussed each bill. The presentation was well received and questions were answered.

Sherrie presented the evenings agenda beginning with the Secretary's report and approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved by voice vote with no objections.

**Officers Reports:**

**President's Report: Sherrie Aly:**

- Sherrie discussed the Board's activities of the last month and stated the board is very busy with the chapter's business.
- Sandee sends handwritten notes to each new member welcoming them to the chapter.
- Sherrie discussed the status of the Gay Straight Alliance the chapter supported.
- Ten people will comprise the Lake County Equality Steering Committee. The first meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. Lake NOW (Sherrie) is Chairing this group.
- The Strategic Planning Group is close to finalizing our Chapter Strategic Plan document.
- Sherrie reports that the By-Laws Committee is close to completion of their work and by-laws for Lake NOW will soon be reality! She will email to membership as soon as possible.
- A group will visit Senator Nelson's Orlando Office to show our support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. Mary Flanagan was organizing this for each of Senator Nelson's office throughout the state but had problems because of lack of response from the state organization and different chapters throughout the state.
- Sherrie asks that she be advised of any FL NOW Conference information/action as we develop our plans to host the 2014 State NOW Conference in Mount Dora.
- We have been asked to call Senator Nelson's offices, both Orlando and DC, to voice our desire for him to cosponsor SJR 15. Orlando: (407) 872-7176. DC: (202) 224-5274. We are not limited to one call.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Programs – Carol King**

- Carol asked the membership to continue to provide our ideas for program topics. June's program is Planned Parenthood, July is Violence Against Women, both domestic and military violence against women.
- Carol advised the members of the status of the committee work for the 2014 NOW Conference and stated that we are asking State NOW for budget guidelines. Sherrie also contributed to the discussion, expressing the magnitude of our task and importance for membership involvement in working committees.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership – Sandee Paradise**

- Sandee discussed the chapter's Book Club. The club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, 3:30 – 5:00 PM at the W.T. Bland Library. The first reading list was discussed. Sandee advised she is examining the possibility of a second club for working members that would meet in the evenings or weekends.
- Sandee is organizing a Speakers Bureau to identify members to speak to young groups.
- We are exploring the possibility of Lake NOW working with the Bay Street Players to present "The Vagina Monologues" March 15 & 16 next year.
- Sandee discussed her plans for increasing membership. She plans to use a three pronged attack to start. First, raise visibility of the chapter and the goals of Lake NOW, secondly, build a solid reputation as an active, viable and worthy organization that supports women and lastly, define a clear benefit to the prospective member for joining Lake NOW.

## **Treasurer – Karen Salvat:**

- Provided members with a financial report and explained our current financial situation.
- Karen discussed membership renewal by mail
- Karen has placed a NOW Bucket on the handout table for donations.

**Secretary – Barbara Hill:** Barbara was absent

## **New Business:**

- There was discussion regarding changing the meeting night for Lake NOW back to Wednesday, as it originally was. Karen made a motion; it was seconded and passed a voice vote. The July meeting will be Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the W.T. Bland Library. The June meeting will still be on a Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Carol King will coordinate with the Library.

Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the W.T. Bland Library.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM

Date: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

/s/Les Jones  
**for** Barbara Hill, Secretary, Lake NOW