

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
JUNE 18, 2013

Date, Time, Location: June 18, 2013, 7:00 PM, W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

Count of Members and Guests: 18 Members and 3 Guests

Presiding Officer: Sherrie Aly, President. Also in attendance: Carol King, 1st Vice President, Programs; Sandee Paradise, 2nd Vice President, Membership; Karen Salvat, Treasurer; and Barbara Hill, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Sherrie Aly.

- Sherrie asked for introductions of all of those present.
- The minutes were approved as presented.
- Sherrie shared that the Strategic Plan is underway and the Board plans to present a draft to the general membership in the fall.
- The Lake County Equality Steering Committee met Monday night, June 17th, to discuss Lake NOW's efforts in support of the middle school Gay Straight Alliance issues. A meeting is set with Roseanne Brandenburg, a school board member, for Wednesday, June 19th.

When the speaker arrived, the meeting was turned over to Carol King, who introduced our special guest speaker, Anna Eskamani of the Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando office. Anna shared important and pertinent information regarding Planned Parenthoods' focus on women's issues. Anna said for some reason Lake County is in the Southwest Tampa District. Anna will try to find out why and attempt to get our group re-designated into the central district.

Anna shared Planned Parenthood holds workshops with teens on sex education. Judi Jones suggested Lake NOW would be interested in sponsoring such a workshop. Anna said she would notify Lake NOW of upcoming activities.

After a brief recess, Sherrie resumed the agenda.

Officers Reports:

President's Report: Sherrie Aly:

- Existing committees are being reviewed and after evaluation the general membership will be asked to participate in any committee in which they are interested

1st Vice President Programs – Carol King:

- The July meeting will be on domestic violence and representatives from the Haven will be there among others.
- There will not be a meeting in August, but Lake NOW may be joining with other groups for an outing. Carol will let us know.
- As of July, Lake NOW meetings will be moving to Wednesday. During the holiday season we may be preempted by other groups.
- Judi Jones shared that the Florida NOW convention will be in Mount Dora May 30, 31, and June 1, 2014. The contract is being completed and she is in communication with the state. Judi is going to the National NOW conference and will look for a nationally

known speaker for the conference. Judi asked that the group think of a theme for the conference and if you think of one, e-mail Nancy, Judi or Carol.

2nd Vice President Membership – Sandee Paradise:

- We now have a Twitter account: Lake_NOW. If you want to send a tweet, send 140 characters or less and send to Sandee and she will “tweet” it.
- The book club is reading “Pope Joan,” and will meet on July 9, at 2:30 in the Library conference room. There will not be a meeting in August. The book for September is the “Feminine Mystique.” Anyone who is interested can participate in the book club.
- There will be a presentation of the Vagina Monologues in conjunction with the Bay Street Theater in March 2014, and asked if anyone is interested in participating to let her know.

Treasurer – Karen Salvat:

- Karen provided the financial report for the month
- Karen reminded the group a bucket is placed on the welcome table to encourage donations for future endeavors.

Secretary – Barbara Hill:

- Barbara stated she will be looking for members to help write letters to legislators and articles for publication.

Old Business:

The Bylaws were presented for review and approval. Judi Jones made a motion to adopt the Bylaws, seconded by Judi Devlin. A lengthy discussion ensued as to who could and could not vote, as well as the voting quorum our chapter will require. Since these issues could not be resolved at the meeting, Sherrie requested any member requiring a change send it in writing to the secretary before the July 1st Board meeting. Judi withdrew her motion. The Bylaws will be brought to the membership for vote in September since they must be sent to National at that time with the annual report.

New Business:

- Lake School Board meeting to discuss the GSA will be held in July and it was requested that all members who can please attend wearing red shirts.
- The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) case before the Supreme Court will be decided this month and rallies are being planned in Orlando.
- Sherrie asked for member input for the newsletter.
- Judi Jones stated that “Girls Rising” will be on CNN on June 22 at 9:00 p.m.

Next month’s meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Date: June 21, 2013

/s/ Barbara M. Hill, Secretary