

**MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING**  
**LAKE NOW**  
**MARCH 19, 2014**

**Date, Time, Location:** March 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

**Count of Members and Guests:** 19 members and 11 guests for a total of 30.

**Presiding Officer:** Sandra Gray Paradise, President. Also in attendance: Carol King, Immediate Past President; Vice-President, Lucinda McGinn; Karen Salvat, Treasurer; and Barbara Hill, Secretary. Membership Chair, Deana Goldstein was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sandee Paradise.

In honor of Women's History Month, members portrayed various women who played an important role in women's rights. It was interesting, informative and fun:

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| Lucretia Mott – Lucinda McGinn           | Sojourner Truth – Laureen Mason    |
| Elizabeth Cady Stanton – Sandee Paradise | Susan B. Anthony – Susan Jaillet   |
| Margaret Sanger – Barbara Hill           | Alice Stokes Paul – Nancy Hurlbert |
| Bella Abzug – Irene Chandler             | Barbara Jordan – Linda Robinson    |

After a brief recess the general meeting was called to order at 8:20.

**Strategic Plan – Ideas for Today and Tomorrow:**

- Sandee Paradise outlined the long and short term goals of the organization for the period 2013 through 2018.
- Louis Ward of the Leesburg Democratic Committee, requested Lake NOW assist in early voting this fall and work with his organization to get out the vote. He will contact us with his request as November 2014 draws near.

**Officers Reports:**

**Vagina Monologues:**

- Sandee reported the Saturday performance had only 12 empty seats and Sunday was sold out. Lake NOW utilized a number of women owned businesses for printing the posters and programs. Lake Tech students designed the posters and program. The American Deaf Academy signed for a number of deaf attendees at the Sunday performance. They were dynamic and a great success. Nina Vatter stated that they may utilize deaf interpreters for future performances at Bay Street.
- Karen presented a preliminary financial report which included: \$500.00 to Bay Street, \$5,112.00 to the Haven, \$568.00 to V-Day. In addition, Lake NOW collected \$2,375.00 in sponsorships, 50/50 - \$191.00, raffles - \$288.00, and V-Pops \$427.00.

**Secretary – Barbara Hill:**

- Barbara presented the minutes and asked for corrections. Since there were no corrections, they approved as presented.
- Barbara provided the members with information relating to changes to the ByLaws and Operating Rules which the membership will vote to approve at the next general meeting.

**Treasurer – Karen Salvat:**

- Karen presented a financial report through February 2014.
- The chapter is selling \$2.00 raffle tickets and when \$50.00 is collected, a free membership will be raffled.
- Karen displayed the new Lake NOW shirt, cost - \$30.00. The shirt is lavender (but members can pick a different color). Karen passed around information for orders.

**Immediate Past President’s Report: Carol King**

- Convention: Carol stated that registration will be on the website shortly. The cost for the hotel is \$119.00, which includes breakfast. Registration, which includes the luncheon and speaker (Patricia Ireland), is \$80. There is a sliding scale for members with lunch from \$40, and then \$30, \$20 and \$10 without lunch. A preliminary list of the 9 workshops was on the literature table for review.
- Sponsors are needed for the program and for the Saturday night reception. There will be tables for local vendors and the cost will be \$40.00 for each table. Lake NOW will set up a table to sell wares at the Lake NOW table. Judi Jones and Deana Goldstein provided a list of ideas for a Friday night program which includes a Segway tour, boat ride, carriage ride, etc. Carol needs assistance in putting this program together.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Board meeting at Norm’s Palette in Mt. Dora on April 2 at 4:00 pm.
- Following the Board meeting, the monthly social will be held at Norm’s Palette.
- The Book club on April 8 will discuss Amy Tan’s, “The Bone Setter’s Daughter.”
- There will be a Certified Financial Planner at the April 16<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting.

**Other Business:**

- Gypsy Marie Roberts, a writer in the area, discussed her books. The book club will be reading her book “Winona’s Righteous Warriors,” in the near future.
- Jamie Hanja, a candidate for the School Board, announced there will be a candidate forum on May 10. The primary will be in August.
- Sandee shared the Lake School Board liaison for the homeless children stated they are in need of the following items: cereal, peanut butter and jelly, shelf milk and shampoo. Sandee asked we bring these items to the next meeting and she will deliver them to the School Board.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date: March 29, 2014

Barbara M. Hill  
Secretary