

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
APRIL 16, 2014

Date, Time, Location: April 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

Count of Members and Guests: 14 members and 6 guests for a total of 20.

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

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

Secretary Barbara Hill introduced the speaker, Faith Hill, a certified financial planner with Regions Bank, who presented an interesting program about investing for the "long haul" and the history of the stock market since the 1930s. A brief question and answer period followed.

After a brief recess the general meeting was called to order at 8:05.

President Sandee Paradise then introduced Mike McKenna, who is a congressional candidate. Mr. McKenna spoke briefly regarding his position on women's rights.

Officers Reports:

Secretary – Barbara Hill:

- The minutes of the March 19, 2014 general membership meeting were approved as presented.
- The amendment to the ByLaws adding a position for the Immediate Past President was presented to the membership for approval. Nancy Hurlbert made a motion to approve the amendment, which was seconded by Karen Salvat. The motion was carried unanimously.
- The amendment to the Operating Rules adding the duties for the Immediate Past Present and requiring the secretary to send the results of the nominating committee to the membership was then presented to the membership for approval. Karen Salvat made a motion to approve the amendment, which was seconded by Nancy Hurlbert. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer – Karen Salvat:

- Karen brought the new Lake NOW shirts, which are \$30.00 each. Karen can order various colors and sizes.
- The Sisterhood Raffle for a free membership is up to \$32.00. When it reaches \$50.00, a raffle will be drawn for the free membership.
- Name Tags are \$12.00 and can be ordered from Karen.
- Karen reminded us not to forget to drop our change in the change bucket.
- Karen asked request for reimbursement be submitted on the proper form, filled out and accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.
- The Orlando Times printed an article and photo of Lake NOW's March program of famous women in history. An additional photo and article will appear on May 12 of members of Bay Street and the Vagina Monologues Committee presenting the check to Kelly Smallridge for \$5,112.00.

- Sandee reported that she received a thank you from Kelly Smallridge and that a check for \$568.00 was sent to V-Day, the parent organization who oversees presentations of the Vagina Monologues.

Florida NOW Conference:

- Carol King presented the latest information for the Florida NOW conference, which will take place on May 30 through June 1 at the Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora. Registration will be from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday; and 8:30-4:00 on Saturday (closed during the luncheon speaker). Hotel patrons will receive breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The opening will be from 9:00 to 10:00 am Saturday morning. Ninety percent of the speakers for the workshop are confirmed.
- There will be a marketplace in the lobby with vendors as well as a Lake NOW table.
- Brevard NOW will do a silent auction and Judi Jones volunteered to make a basket for Lake NOW for the silent auction.
- A meet and greet reception for prospective candidates will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday. Complimentary hors d'oevres will be served. Carol said they are looking for someone to present music. Judi Jones stated she did not think music would be necessary since it would interfere with the conversation.
- Registration can be completed on line, or you can print the form and send it in, or register at the convention, although it would be helpful to know ahead of time how many people are attending.
- Judi stated that registration is \$80.00 on a sliding scale, but with lunch it is a minimum of \$40.00 (for members). No lunch starts at \$0.00.
- Pam Ward reported on the options for activities on Friday evening, including a boat tour with wine and appetizers, the Modernism Museum, or a ghost walk. After dinner, attendants can meet at the boat dock to watch the sunset. Pam asked for volunteers to coordinate any of the activities, which would require about two hours.
- Sandee reported ads for the conference journal range from \$28.00 to \$200.00.
- The conference committee is looking for a sponsor for the meet and greet on Saturday evening. The sponsorship ads are as follows: Silver \$100.00; Gold \$200.00, and Platinum \$300.00. These sponsors will also receive acknowledgement on sign boards and in the program. They will also receive invitations to the political reception.
- Sandee stated there are a limited number of tables at \$40.00 each for the marketplace.

Other Business:

- Sandee stated she received a thank you from Melba Seron for the get well card from Lake NOW.
- Sandee reported the Lake School Board's Families in Transition Program is looking for assistance for young women in high school. Sandee will find out how Lake NOW can help out.
- Karen reported that the form 990N was filed with the IRS.
- Linda Robinson reported on the production of the Vagina Monologues in Marion County. There are five young women who are active members. Linda suggested mentoring these women for the NOW convention and inviting them to stay in members homes. Several members volunteered their homes.
- Judi said it would be helpful to have members attend the Southeast Regional Conference on April 26 in Atlanta to vote on representatives to the National Board. There are two openings and you must be there to vote.
- Nancy reported on the legislative session, which is in its 6th week. The legislature is voting to expand gun laws to allow the carrying of weapons without a permit during an emergency; limiting time for abortions; a personhood bill; and expanding the voucher system for education as well as allowing local selection of textbooks. Nancy will send information to Sandee so members can send their concerns to their legislators

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Date: April 18, 2014

Barbara M. Hill
Secretary