

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
MAY 21, 2014

Date, Time, Location: May 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

Count of Members and Guests: 16 members were in attendance.

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 7:05 p.m. by President Sandra Gray Paradise.

Sandee introduced the speaker, Nancy Hurlbert, who is the chair of the Lake NOW Legislative Committee. Nancy, along with Barbara Hill, presented an update of the 2014 legislative sessions, which ended the first week of May. Nancy presented the “good” and the “bad” and Barbara presented the “ugly” bills that passed or did not pass. A question and answer period followed.

After a brief recess the general meeting was called to order at 7:40.

Officers Reports:

Secretary – Barbara Hill:

- The minutes of the April 16, 2014 general membership meeting were approved as presented.
- Barbara presented the Policies and Procedures for the Communications Committee established by the Board.
- There was brief discussion regarding promoting candidates. Judi Jones states National NOW has policies regarding promoting a candidate after primaries are completed.

Treasurer – Karen Salvat:

- Karen stated there is \$500.00 in the Lake NOW savings account, and the Lake NOW profit to date is \$748.00, for a total of \$1228.00.
- The proceeds from the Florida NOW conference for Lake NOW’s marketplace table and the Friday night activities (such as the boat ride, etc.) go to Lake NOW.
- Karen sent around clipboards so that members could order name tags and/or shirts.
- 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.
- Karen reminded us not to forget to drop our change in the purple bucket – “change to make a change.”
- Sandy Gamble volunteered to review the financials for last year.

Florida NOW Conference:

- Carol King presented the latest schedule for the conference; however, there will be several amendments to reflect a few changes (Doris Weatherford cannot attend, so she is sending Eleanor Cecil as a substitute. Eleanor is a long time, active member of NOW).
- Carol reported that 48 members are now registered to attend.
- Pam Ward reported on the Friday evening activities: Nancy Hurlbert will be the host for activities at Lakeside Inn; Barbara Hill will host the Ghost Tour; Judi Jones will host the boat

tour; and Mary Flanagan will host the Modernism Museum. In addition, there are hosts for the dinner guests who want to have dinner at Pisces Rising. More volunteers will be needed for food. Pam will let people know what they need to bring.

- The shifts for Saturday registration and marketplace table were discussed. The luncheon will be from 11:30 – 12:45.
- Also on Saturday, there will be workshops, political panels and several movies, one of which is “Roe at Risk.”
- Brevard is sponsoring a silent auction. Judi Jones collected items for a “Basket of Mt. Dora” which has a \$650.00value.
- Sunday after breakfast there will be meetings to discuss resolutions and bylaws, plenary and state council and PAC meetings.
- Merrilyn Karrels is obtaining bags so that Lake NOW can give each attendee a bag with various items. Members are asked to help stuff the bags on Thursday night at 7:00 pm at Karen’s house.
- Carol will meet with hostesses at noon on Thursday, May 29, at Lakeside Inn so the hostesses are familiar with where different facilities are located.

President - Sandee Paradise:

- Sandee reported that Mary Flanagan, who is attending the National NOW conference, agreed to be the Lake NOW delegate. Barbara Hill made a motion to approve Mary Flanagan as Lake NOW’s delegate, Karen Salvat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- The Lake County Liaison for the Homeless (Families in Transition Program) thanked us for the donations we made. They are in need of sanitary napkins, so Sandee asked that we include those in our next donation.
- Lake NOW was asked to hold an event for young girls attending high school, but this issue was tabled since it would entail transporting 75 girls for haircuts. This will be addressed in the future.

Other Business:

- Wednesday, June 4, 2014, the Board will hold its meeting at Wine Uncorked in Eustis. The social for the month will follow the Board meeting.
- June 10, the Book club will be reading “Good Wives.”
- Lucinda McGinn is working on a topic for the June 18 general meeting.
- Linda Robinson then presented copies of articles that have appeared in the newspaper, one of which Linda wrote.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Date: May 27, 2014

Barbara M. Hill
Secretary