

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
JUNE 18, 2014

Date, Time, Location: June 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

Count of Members and Guests: 11 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Sandra Gray Paradise. Sandee congratulated Lake NOW members for the hard work they did in presenting the Vagina Monologues, and for making the Florida NOW Conference a huge success, as well as raising awareness of NOW in Lake County.

Sandee then introduced Vice President, Lucinda McGinn, who presented the program "Justifiable Use of Force," based on the website prepared by the "Dream Defenders." The Dream Defenders are combating the effects of the Florida Stand Your Ground Law. Judi Jones talked briefly about a movement called "gunsense." A lively discussion followed.

The next portion of the program was a 15-minute film entitled: "Roe at Risk." After the film various members commented on the distressing fact that after so many years, women are still fighting for control of their bodies.

Member, Linda Bozeman, spoke about candidate for U.S. Congress, Mike McKenna, who is a proponent of women's rights.

Officers Reports:

Secretary – Barbara Hill:

- The minutes of the May 21, 2014, general membership meeting were approved as presented.
- A discussion followed with regard to the various Committees. Judi Jones spoke about the purpose of NOW. It is a non-partisan, civil rights, activist organization fighting for women's equality. Judi is the chair of the Action Committee and she discussed the various activities that have taken place during the past two and one half years.

Florida NOW Conference:

- Sandee stated that all of the thank you notes went out to sponsors and various participants.
- Once all of the expenses are calculated, a final financial statement will be prepared.
- Sandee thanked the many members who helped to make the conference a success.

President - Sandee Paradise:

- Sandee stated we will be organizing a “Court Watch” program. Florida NOW asked the chapters to sit in court and take notes witnessing what is occurring in various court cases, such as domestic violence or controversial divorce hearings.
- Sandee presented the new Lake NOW Trifolds. They cost twenty-five cents each and were prepared by Lake Tech Students.
- Sandee also stated National NOW offers free flyers on various issues, which she will be ordering from National.

Vice President – Lucinda McGinn:

- Lucinda discussed the issue of “tabling.” It costs \$25.00 per month to set up a table at various events in Eustis, such as First Friday. Lucinda will send in an application for September and, at that event, we would hand out the new Lake NOW Trifolds and sell NOW items. If the event is a success, we will then consider doing it again.

Membership Director – Deana Goldstein:

- Deana welcomed Linda Robinson as a member of the Membership Committee.

Upcoming Events:

- July 2, the Board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Leesburg. The monthly social will follow at 5:00.
- July 8, the Book Club will meet at the Library at 3:30 p.m. to discuss *The Language of Flowers*.
- July 16 is the next general meeting. Lucinda is working on a program for that meeting.
- There will be a Board meeting the first Wednesday in August. The Book Club will meet on the second Tuesday, but there will not be a general meeting in August.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Date: June 19, 2014

Barbara M. Hill
Secretary