

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Date, Time, Location: September 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

Count of Members and Guests: 14 members and 5 guests were in attendance, for a total of 19 in all.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Sandra Gray Paradise. Sandee informed the Chapter that due to the classic film program during the holiday season, the conference room at the Library will not be available on Wednesday, November 19th, therefore, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th. The December meeting will be a social, at a place and time to be determined.

Meet the Candidate:

Linda Bozeman introduced Mike McKenna, who is the winner of the primary for the District 10 U.S. Congressional seat. Mr. McKenna is a Democrat and a member of Lake NOW. He spoke for several minutes with regard to his vision for equality for all and how much respect he has for the NOW's position on this issue.

Program:

Lucinda introduced Ann Jordan who presented a slide show and videos entitled *Women Under Sharia: The Problem Not Permitted a Name*. Ann Jordan is a teacher, blogger, activist, and a member of Sarasota-Manatee NOW. It was a powerful presentation reiterating the treatment of women living under Sharia Law; i.e. thousands are kidnapped, raped, sold into slavery and girls as young as eight are wed to men old enough to be their grandfathers. It is a story of male supremacists treating women solely as housekeepers and breeders. An interesting discussion followed.

After a brief recess, the meeting continued at 8:25.

Officers Reports:

Financial – Karen Salvat:

- Karen reported the Chapter has \$500.11 in the savings account (\$.11 is a dividend), and \$3,034.18 in the checking account.
- T-shirts are available for \$30.00, and name tags are available for \$12.00.
- Raffles for a free membership through the Sisterhood Fund are \$2.00. Because there was enough money to draw for a free membership, a number was drawn and Barbara Hill was the winner.

- At the Florida conference, the Chapter's vendor table made \$174.00. There are more items to be sold, so these items will be available at the Eustis First Friday on October 3rd.
- Karen reminded us the purple bucket is on the table: "Change for Change."
- Karen also reminded us to register to vote.

Secretary – Barbara Hill:

The minutes of the July 16, 2014, general membership meeting were approved as presented.

Upcoming Events:

- The next Board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., October 1st at the Oyster Troff on Bay Street in Eustis. A social will follow at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13th, the Book Club will meet at the Mount Dora Library to discuss *Egalia's Daughters* by Gerd Brantenberg.
- Sandee reminded the group that October 3rd, the Chapter will have a table at the Eustis First Friday event.
- The program for the Chapter meeting October 15th will be presented by representatives of Equality Florida.

Other Events and News:

- Sandee read a thank you note from Judi Phillips Jones for the plant sent to her by members of the Board on behalf of Lake NOW.
- Mary Flanagan and Sandee attended the NOW quarterly council meeting. The council recommends voting in favor of Amendments 1 and 2 on the November Ballot (conservation funding and medical marijuana, respectively), and voting in opposition of Amendment 3 which would grant an outgoing governor an opportunity to appoint judges to the bench as he/she leaves office.
- The bid for the May 2015 Florida NOW conference was awarded to Venice, Florida. No specific date has been selected.
- The National NOW convention will be held June 20 in New Orleans.
- The Lake NOW Chapter will be collecting items for the Lake School *Families in Transition Program (FIT)*. Items to be collected include cereal, peanut butter, shelf milk, sanitary napkins and tampons. Members are requested to bring the items to the next meeting and Sandee will ensure they are delivered to the FIT program.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 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: September 19, 2014

Barbara M. Hill
Secretary