

**MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING**  
**LAKE NOW**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2014**

**Date, Time, Location:** October 15, 2014, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida

**Count of Members and Guests:** 12 members were in attendance.

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

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

**Program:**

Lucinda introduced Gina Duncan from Equality Florida. Gina is the Transgender Director for Equality Florida. The program she presented was very informative. An interesting discussion followed and Gina stated Equality Florida is urging fully inclusive policies for transgender individuals as well members of the LGBT community.

**National NOW Conference:**

Mary Flanagan attended the conference as a delegate for Lake NOW. She reported on the conference which was held June 27-29, 2014, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference theme was "Faces of Feminism: Strength in Diversity." Mary's report focused on the speakers, whom she said were wonderful and workshops. She also discussed the resolutions, i.e., which ones were discussed and adopted. Mary reported that the by-laws amendment was considered and adopted. The remaining open resolutions were sent to the National NOW Board.

Next year's conference will be held June 19-21, 2015, in New Orleans. Members who are interested in attending should watch for an early registration special usually in February. In the past this special has been offered at a cost of \$19.66 available for either one or a few days only. After this offer the registration will return to the regular pricing. However, NOW would like everyone who can attend to come to the conference. NOW offers a sliding scale to those for whom the price is too high. Mary said this is a great way to mark your interest, by either attending or making a contribution to the conference if you are unable to attend.

**Candidate Discussion:**

Linda Bozeman discussed the candidacy of Mike McKenna who is supported by Lake NOW. Linda also reported former candidate Bill Ferree is working with Mike. Several members made donations to his campaign and Linda said you can go to his website to donate also.

**Officers Reports:**

**Financial – Karen Salvat:**

- Karen reported the Chapter has \$500.24 in the savings account, and \$3,026.68 in the checking account.

- Karen distributed the budget and is asking for input. The budget will be discussed and reviewed in detail at the next Board meeting.
- Also, Lake NOW is still working with Florida NOW to finalize the financials from the May conference in Mount Dora.
- T-shirts are available for \$30.00, and name tags are available for \$12.00. There is a medium T-shirt for sale.
- Raffles for a free membership through the Sisterhood Fund are \$2.00.
- Karen reminded us the purple bucket is on the table: "Change for Change."
- Karen reported that the Supervisor of Elections Office needs five more deputies and that if you are interested in working at the polls; please call Linda Thompson at the Sheriff's office, at 326-8108.

**Secretary – Barbara Hill:**

The minutes of the September 17, 2014, general membership meeting were approved as presented.

**Nominating Committee:**

Sandee stated that if you are not interested in being a member of the Board or are a current member, you can be a member of the nominating committee. Arva Plummer-Turner already agreed to be on the committee. Mary Flanagan and Pam Ward also volunteered for the committee.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sandee reminded everyone to vote on November 4th
- The next Board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., November 5th at the Sandbar in Tavares. A social will follow at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 11th, the Book Club will meet at the Mount Dora Library to discuss *A Woman of Substance* by Barbara Taylor Bradford.
- The next Chapter meeting on Tuesday, November 18th will focus on Pay Equity.
- Carol reported the Lake NOW Holiday social will be Wednesday, December 17th at 1884 in Eustis beginning at 6:00 p.m. More information to follow at the next meeting.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date: October 19, 2014

Barbara M. Hill  
Secretary