

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
NOVEMBER 18, 2014

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

Count of Members and Guests: 10 members and one guest were in attendance.

Officers in Attendance: Carol King, Immediate Past President; Vice-President, Lucinda McGinn; Karen Salvat, Treasurer (arrived at 7:10); and Barbara Hill, Secretary. Sandra Gray Paradise, President, and Membership Director, Deana Goldstein were absent.

The members welcomed Judi and Les Jones, since they have been absent due to extensive medical issues.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Immediate Past President, Carol King.

Program:

Lucinda introduced the subject of the meeting which was based on the movie, *Inequality for All*, featuring Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor under President Clinton. The discussion related to the imbalance of wealth in the United States, pay equity, and how it affects the quality of life of many Americans; the disappearance of the middle class; and how it negatively affects the political clout of the average American and benefits the wealthy. An interesting discussion followed. Lucinda handed out a sheet she prepared with important websites.

Officers Reports:

Financial – Karen Salvat:

- Karen distributed the proposed budget for 2015, but since there was no quorum, it was tabled until January 2015.
- Karen reported the Chapter has \$500.24 in the savings account, and \$2,989.00 in the checking account.
- Lake NOW is still working with Florida NOW to finalize the financials from the May conference in Mount Dora. Sandee sent specifics to Donna Slutiak and will follow up yet again.
- 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.”

Secretary – Barbara Hill:

Barbara apologized to the membership since she brought the wrong minutes to the meeting; therefore, approval of the October minutes was tabled until January 2015.

Upcoming Events:

- Lucinda stated that the holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00 pm at *31 Magnolia* on Magnolia Street in Eustis. Carol reported there will be a cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and attendees can also order from the regular menu.
- The next Board meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., December 3rd at One Flight Up in Mount Dora. The holiday party will take the place of the December social, but any member is welcome to attend the board meeting.
- The January 21, 2015, meeting topic will be the State of the Union of Lake NOW.
- Lucinda stated she attended a rally in Orlando sponsored by Florida CHAIN to encourage the state to reconsider its position relating to expanded Medicare coverage. There will also be a rally in Gainesville.
- Carol reported that Florida NOW's quarterly meeting will be December 13th in Orlando. Mary Flanagan will be going to the meeting since she is the Membership Director for Florida NOW until May 2015.

Nominating Committee:

Pam Ward and Mary Flanagan are the Nominating Committee members. Pam stated that Barbara (Secretary) and Karen (Treasurer) are both term limited so those positions are open. Anyone who is interested in a position on the Board should call Pam or Mary. They will present a slate of officers in January, but will also open the floor for nominations. Elections will take place at the February 18, 2015, Annual Meeting.

FIT Fair:

Nancy Hurlbert reported 436 drinks were collected for the FIT Fair (Families in Transition) by the Golden Triangle Democratic Club and Lake NOW.

The next Chapter meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date: November 21, 2014

Barbara M. Hill

Secretary