

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
JANUARY 21, 2015

Date, Time, Location: January 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida.

Count of Members and Guests: 14 members were in attendance.

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

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

1. Upcoming Election:

The slate for the upcoming elections was presented by Mary Flanagan. The proposed slate is as follows:

For the office of President:	Lucinda McGinn
For the office of Vice-President:	Nancy Hurlbert
For the office of Membership Chair:	Carol King
For the office of Treasurer:	Kelda Senior
For the office of Secretary:	Linda Jo Pfeiffer

Pam Ward called for nominations from the floor. Seeing none, Renee Milotta made a motion to approve the slate, which was seconded by Deana Goldstein, and unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the Budget for 2015:

Karen distributed the proposed budget for 2015, but since there was no quorum when the vote was taken, it was tabled until a quorum arrived. When the meeting had a quorum, Mary Flanagan made a motion to approve the budget for 2015, which was seconded by Nancy Hurlbert, and unanimously approved.

3. Financial – Karen Salvat:

- Karen reported as of December 31, 2014, the Chapter had \$500.37 in the savings account, and \$3,844.24 in the checking account.
- Karen reminded the members raffles for a free membership are available through the Sisterhood Fund for \$2.00 each; the purple bucket is on the table if anyone has change: “Change for Change;” name tags are available for \$12.00; and Lake NOW shirts are available in a variety of colors and sizes.
- Karen also stated if you have a cell phone, in order to receive robocall reminders, you have to fill out a form allowing same.

4. State of the Organization: Sandee Paradise:

- Sandee presented an excellent PowerPoint indicating what the Chapter accomplished during the past year, including the very successful *Vagina Monologues* and the hosting of the Florida NOW conference in Mount Dora. A copy of Sandee’s presentation is attached to these minutes.

5. Goals for Upcoming Year:

- Sandee asked for suggestions for 2015. A few of the suggestions are as follows: Pam Ward suggested increasing membership from the younger generations; i.e. women in their 20's; speaking out on negative legislation affecting women's rights. Carol King suggested discussions as to how to increase participation in Chapter activities; Mary Flanagan suggested distributing copies of the newsletters, i.e., in the library; Linda Bozeman suggested calling legislators and voicing an opinion, and Sandee said she will include legislative contacts in the next newsletter.
- Some ideas for the coming year included scholarships for young women, and providing copies of Sheryl Sandburg's book *Lean In*, for female valedictorians.
- Other ideas included planning activities for the *Roe v. Wade* anniversary, Business Women's Week, Women's Health, Women's History month and Women's Equality. Nancy Hurlbert suggested getting together with the DWC with regard to some of these activities.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Barbara presented minutes for the meeting of October 2014 and November 2014. There were no corrections to either so the minutes were accepted as presented.

7. Facilitated Discussion of *Roe v. Wade*:

- In light of the 42nd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (January 22, 2015), Mary Flanagan, and Nancy Hurlbert handed out a quiz on the state of abortion today, and using a PowerPoint (attached to these minutes) they answered and discussed each question.
- A lively discussion facilitated by Mary and Nancy followed the presentation.
- It was suggested at future meetings, the Chapter discuss activities that may be provided in support of young women in need.

8. Upcoming Events:

- Sandee stated the next Board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on February 4, 2015, at Ruby Street Grill in Tavares. The monthly social will follow at 5:00 p.m.
- The next Book Club meeting will be held on February 10th at 3:30 p.m., to discuss *Redefining Realness*, which is about transgender issues.
- The next Chapter meeting to be held February 18th will focus on the election of officers for which we will need a quorum.
- Deana said there will be a Relay for Life on May 2nd to benefit the American Cancer Society, from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. She would like to form a NOW team.
- Nancy is circulating a petition for a Constitutional amendment to be placed on the 2016 ballot restoring the rights of felons who complete all the terms of their sentence, including parole and probation, except for persons convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Date: January 24, 2015

Barbara M. Hill

Secretary