

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
LAKE NOW
FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Date, Time, Location: February 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m. W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora, Florida.

Count of Members: 17 members were in attendance.

Officers in Attendance: Sandra Gray Paradise, President; 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 7:00 p.m. by President, Sandra Gray Paradise.

1. Program:

Lucinda introduced Lake NOW's guest speaker, Deidre Lewis, a very active and long-time member of the Tri-City NAACP. Ms. Lewis main focus related to a petition circulating at this time for a ballot initiative which will restore voting rights to felons who have completed their rehabilitation (except for those convicted of murder or sex crimes). Ms. Lewis also discussed various other programs and issues the NAACP will be focusing on over the next few years and how we, at Lake NOW, can partner with these programs. Ms. Lewis said all are welcome to join. A lively discussion followed.

2. Election of Officers for 2015-2016:

A motion was made by Deana Goldstein to allow the election of officers to proceed first so that members who had to leave could do so, with the understanding that the new Board would not actually take office until the end of the meeting, which motion was seconded by Pam Ward and unanimously approved.

Mary Flanagan and Pam Ward then presented the slate for the election of the new Board. 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

Mary asked for nominations from the floor for President. Seeing none, Renee Milota made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Nancy Hurlbert and unanimously approved. Deana Goldstein then made a motion to accept the full slate as presented, seconded by Ozell Ward, which motion was unanimously approved.

Mary congratulated the new Board and then presented each new officer who gave a brief introduction as to their background.

Officers Reports:

3. Secretary – Barbara Hill:

Barbara presented the minutes and since there were no corrections, the Chapter meeting minutes for January 21, 2015 were accepted as presented

4. Financial – Karen Salvat:

Karen was out ill, so there was no financial report; however, Sandee stated the previous Board is leaving the new Board in healthy financial condition.

5. Upcoming Events:

- The next Board meeting will be held 4:00 p.m., March 4th at Mr. Cebiche in the Renaissance Building, second floor, on Donnelly Street in Mount Dora. A social will immediately follow the Board meeting.
- Sandee stated on March 10th, the Book Club will meet at 3:30 at the Library to select books to read from a list of 39 extraordinary books for the upcoming year.
- The new Vice President, Nancy Hurlbert, stated the March 18, 2015 Chapter meeting, will be held at Lake Sumter State College in HSC 131. A reception will be hosted by Lake Sumter from 5:30-6:00 p.m., consisting of light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. A presentation will follow from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to discuss the accomplishments of the 36 women on the Lake County Women's Hall of Fame. The presentation is in celebration of Women' History Month, and is co-sponsored by Lake Sumter State College's Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, the Democratic Women's Club of Lake County, and Lake NOW.
- Marie Rich presented an event to be held on April 11th in Donnelly Park from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., to celebrate Dora Drawdy. A table for eight costs \$200, which will benefit women in Lake County who cannot afford mammograms. It was suggested either Lake NOW could purchase a table, or eight members could each pay \$25.00 towards the cost of a table. Since the sitting Board did not want to commit money for an event for the new year, the project will be brought to the Board on March 4th for a vote as to whether to expend the funds.

There being no further business, Ozell Ward made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Susan Jaillet, and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., and refreshments were served to welcome the new Board.

Date: February 19, 2015

Barbara M. Hill
Secretary