

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Lake NOW

Date: May 20, 2015

Location: WT Bland Library, Mount Dora, FL

A chapter meeting of Lake NOW was held on May 20, 2015 at WT Bland Library in Mount Dora, FL. The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. with Lucinda McGinn presiding.

Number of members and guests: Eleven members were in attendance

Officers in Attendance: (X)

X	President	Lucinda McGinn
	Immediate Past President	Sandra Gray Paradise
X	Vice President	Nancy Lee Hurlbert
X	Secretary	Linda Jo Pfeiffer
X	Treasurer	Kelda Senior
X	Membership Director	Carol King

1. AGENDA TOPICS:

- a. Approval of previous month's minutes:
The chapter meeting minutes from February 18, 2015 were approved without change.
- b. Financial Report:
Lucinda reviewed fund raising and monetary gains made by Lake NOW.
 - 1) Seven seats were filled at the Dora Drawdy event. The table was purchased by Lake NOW for \$200.00. At \$25.00 per seat, we were able to reimburse our chapter with \$175.00.
 - 2) Lake NOW participated in the "Relay for Life". Deana reported that over \$1200.00 was raised at the event to benefit the American Cancer Society.
 - 3) We invested \$25.00 for a table at the state conference in Venice, FL and sold \$146.00 worth of merchandise.
 - 4) Six new members have joined Lake NOW.

c. Review of State conference held in Venice, FL from May 15-17, 2015:

- 1) Lake NOW members in attendance were Mary, Lucinda, Nancy and Phyllis
- 2) Mary Flanagan won the election as Membership Director. She led a workshop on ways to promote and build new membership. Later, at the state council meeting, a strategic project was initiated focusing on new and creative ideas to build membership. Mary discussed the structural change process that National is going through and specifically for changes on how monies are transferred from the National level to Chapters in order to help create a balance between active and non-active chapters.
- 3) Nancy attended three workshops; Court Watch and the Restoration of Voting Rights for Ex-Felons. She also attended and helped facilitate a workshop on Legislative Issues.
- 4) New state board members were elected. They are:
Terry Sanders, President
Laura Fausone, Vice President
Meredith Ockman, Secretary
Shirley Ann Rawls, Treasurer
Legislative Director, Judi Marraccini
Membership Director, Mary Flanagan
Lisa Labbe's position of Communications Director is an appointment by the president. Currently, she stays in the position until Terry Sanders appoints someone else.

2. FACILITATED DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION:

- a. Nancy Hurlbert delivered a thorough overview of the 2015 legislative issues utilizing a comprehensive chart which outlined Democratic legislative priorities. Bills that were supported, opposed and no position were summarized. Nancy stated that although NOW is non-partisan, many of the proposed progressive issues are supported by NOW.
 - 1) Some of the categories reviewed by Nancy were; the Budget, Healthcare Expansion, Criminal Justice, Disability Rights, Education, LGBT Rights, Voter's Rights and Women's Rights.
 - 2) Nancy stated that the budget did not pass and a new session will convene for 20 days this June in order to get the state budget passed.
 - 3) The 5.1 billion dollars for Medicaid expansion was turned down the past two years. Nancy stated that we need to contact our representatives and senators and tell them that we want those monies offered to help with and improve healthcare in our state.

3. UPCOMING EVENTS:

a. Lake NOW Chapter meeting:

- 1) The meeting on June 17th will host the movie, Vessel, along with DWCLC. The cost is free to the viewing public. Donations will be appreciated. There is a plan set to offer popcorn and beverages.
- 2) There will be no meeting in July 2015.
- 3) There will be an August 2015 meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

b. Lake NOW Board meeting and Social Event:

- 1) Location: Guadalajara Restaurant on 441 in Mount Dora.
- 2) Date and Time: June 3, 2015.
4pm for the Board meeting and 5pm for the social event

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jo Pfeiffer,

Lake NOW secretary

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