San Diego Are Chapter of NOW

Board Meeting – April 13, 2015

1. Call to Order at 6:38 p.m. Present was Kim, Anitra, Andrea and Stacy. Jo was absent.
2. Banking issues.
   1. Kim spoke with Isaac Kelly, Sr., the Relationship Banker at Union Bank on April 10, 2015. Isaac still has not heard back from any of the signatories on the account held by the old SD NOW chapter. He will try to reach the remaining two signatories on the account and get back to Kim by 4/15/15 with the next step.
   2. Kim will draft a letter of intent on our letterhead that we intend to take control of this account.
   3. Our money from the Texas account is being held by California NOW until our account is up and running at Union Bank.
3. National NOW Conference
   1. Will be held June 19-21 in New Orleans.
   2. During the 2014 National Conference, it was decided that the 2015 Conference would be a strategy summit on how to restructure NOW. The National Board is planning to make the 2015 Conference a by-law conference and is proposing some new by-laws. They did not follow proper procedure to give notice of this change and, therefore, violated the now existing by-laws. Kim signed a letter presented by CA NOW President Patty Bellasalma and other NOW chairs, objecting to the attempt to change the by-laws during the 2015 Conference. Kim understands that this letter will be disclosed/presented at the national conference.
   3. Any member in good standing prior to March 21, 2015 is eligible to be a voting delegate at the National Conference. However, each member must have designated San Diego as their City on their membership application. Members that failed to do so may not be eligible to vote.
   4. Our chapter has the opportunity to send 9 delegates to the National Conference (along with 2 alternates). Thus far, four slots are filled – Kim, Andrea, Erin and Jo. Stacy indicated she would also like to go.
      1. Discussed the Chapter paying for the board members to attend the conference. Also discussed paying for membership to attend on a case by case basis.
      2. Andrea moved to reimburse the board members to attend the conference and also to reimburse members on a case by case basis. Motion passed unanimously.
      3. Kim has reserved two rooms at the hotel
         1. First room is from June 18 to June 22 (arriving Thursday and checking out on Monday). There are currently 3 people slotted to stay in this room;
         2. Second room is from June 18 to June 21 (arriving Thursday and checking out on Sunday). There are currently no people slotted to stay in this room.
4. Bylaws
   1. Discussed status of existing by-laws and the need to modernize them. Kim is working on getting us all a copy of the by-laws.
   2. Anitra suggested looking at the by-laws being used by National and the State so that we can mimic the by-laws that we like.
   3. Kim will request a copy of the State’s by-laws
5. Political Action
   1. Fancy – April 18, 2015
      1. We had planned on having a table at Fancy, which is an inter-city teen event.
      2. We did not get the paperwork and pamphlets requested from CA NOW, so we are trying to find a printer or a copier we can use to put something together.
   2. Earth Day – Sunday, April 19, 2015
      1. Pro-Life protests are expected. We had planned on being presented by the blue rounds saying “NOW” on them but there were no rounds available from the CA NOW.
      2. Discussed making signs by hand. General consensus was that the signs should be humorous such as a sign pointing to a male pro-life demonstrator saying “woman expert.”
   3. Pride Parade – July 18, 2015
      1. We have been invited by Local 30 to participate in the parade with them. Andrea is looking at getting a truck from Penske for this.
6. Still Walking for Equality 2015 – proposed 5k
   1. August 23, 2015 marks the 35th anniversary of the ERA passing in San Diego. Kim suggested that we create and hold a 5k in honor of the anniversary and our continuing fight for equality.
   2. Road Runner sports will help sponsor such a run for the following fees:
      1. If we have 1 to 100 runners, it will cost us $500
      2. 101-150 runners, it will cost us $250
      3. 151 or more runners, it will not cost us anything.
   3. Kim moved to create and hold the run. Andrea seconded the run.
   4. Discussion was had about a t-shirt logo contest, choosing a color, etc. Also discussed dates to ensure that there is not a conflict with City Fest, etc. Also discussed having a picnic after the run.
   5. Vote tabled until next board meeting.
7. Next Meeting
   1. Board Meetings held the 2nd Monday of every month – Next Meeting is May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Kim and Andrea’s house.
   2. Chapter Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month – Next Meeting is May 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Local 30, located at 2436 Market Street.