San Diego Area Chapter of NOW

Chapter Meeting – September 30, 2015

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm
2. Welcome; Round Table introductions
   1. Members: 13
   2. Visitors: 23
   3. Various ways people heard about our meeting: Social Media, online, friends telling friends to come, Feminist Meet-Up
3. Treasurers Report: Anitra
   1. $5,500
4. Old Business
5. Initiatives that SDAC NOW is working on through 2016: Requesting committees to be formed. Asked members to email us so committee can be formed.
   1. Transgender Support/Advocacy
      1. Our goal is to open the dialogue between people to see how we can support each other on a local and national level.
   2. Equal Rights Amendment (Ratifying)
      1. We are working ratify the legislation in Gloria Johnson’s honor.
   3. Sexual Assault on college campuses
   4. Bridging Organizational Gaps
   5. Reproductive Justice
      1. Patient Escorting:
         1. Requested those members that are interested to email chapter email to request to be put on the list. NON-members can request, but we need to vet to ensure they are true supporters.
         2. 10-12 Volunteers needed on each Saturday
         3. Need Spanish speaking volunteers
      2. A visitor brought to our attention that a PP in Chula Vista is being picketed. Kim is going to look into this.

New Business

1. Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins attended our chapter meeting. She gave a passionate speech about how NOW was one of the most important support groups when Woman Care was still in operation. We as women keeping up the fight for the same issues over and over. She spoke about raising money and being an out lesbian following Christine Kehoe. Learning about how important it is to have a voice at the table of feminist groups. She spoke about how being a feminist gave her grounding and taught her how to organize and got her motivated. She brought to light the lack of women running for public office.
   1. She answered several question from our attendees.
   2. She spoke passionately about Dr. Weber
   3. About AD154 being signed by Governor Brown that she has accomplished and is very proud of
   4. Spoke about the Fair Pay Act on Governor Brown’s desk
   5. Working on Affordable housing
   6. Federal Income Tax Credit which would help 150,000 in San Diego and 2 million people statewide
2. We are still working on putting out PAC together and need experienced individuals to help.
3. Visitor Rebecca Paida who is running for City Council 9th District chair. She gave a brief speech about why she is running and thanks us for allowing her to do this.

Chapter Business

1. Introduction of Melanie Peters who is interested in holding the Vice President position.
   1. Kim gave a brief introduction and Melanie gave a compelling speech as to why she would like to do this work.
   2. It was a unanimous vote by active members present to put her in this position.

Social Activities

1. Feminist Book Club is going well. Next book is October 14th at 6:30. We are reading JK Rowling, The Casual Vacancy.
2. San Diego NOW was asked by Susan Jester to co-sponsor of a fundraiser for the Arts & Film. Event is October 1st. Tickets are $15 general admission or $20 VIP. Red carpet event. Our chapter receives 10% of the door. Member Toni Duran is being auctioned off.

Let’s Discuss That: Open Floor discussion

* Discussion ensued regarding C-CPAN3 that aired the horrific hearing of Cecilia Richards, CEO of Planned Parenthood.
* Discussed John Banners replacement
* Discussed how Fox news invented Bengasi to detour support for Hillary Clinton

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm