



Jeri Burton: President

Tricia Methner: Exec. Vice President; Eva Love: VP, Outreach

Madalena Robertson: VP, Social Media; LiNor Briley: Treasurer;

Sue Burtch: Secretary

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2020

Call to order: 2:35pm

Intro of Board

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$2934.00; Income: \$2677.59 (sponsorship for Tea with Alice and Me, membership/renewals, donations); Expenses: \$1964.18 (squarespace, clover credit card chip, nat'l renewal fees, Tea expenses, Women's suffrage parade fee); Ending balance: \$3647.41

Jeri announced that we received an anonymous donation for \$1000.00. (in the name of a family member of donor - we will post on website)

Motions made: LiNor Briley made a motion to change our IRS reporting: currently we are:

National Organization for Women Inc. d/b/a Nevada NOW - we need to change to:

NV0000 - Nevada NOW - motion seconded by Sue Burtch - motion passed without objection

LiNor Briley made a motion to transfer funds to Nevada NOW PAC account - no less than \$500 and no more than \$1000 - motion seconded by Connie Munk - motion passed without objection

President's message: March 8th we will have a Volunteer meeting at Eva's house at 2:30 - primary focus will be on needs for Tea with Alice and Me and getting us prepared for upcoming events and election cycle.

Need ideas on how to promote ticket sales for Tea with Alice and Me - please let us know if you have a group(s) that might want to attend.

Virginia completed the ratification of the ERA!!! 'Still working 9 to 5" documentary crew followed Zoe (and Jeri) around Virginia and DC filming as they toured museums with Lily Ledbetter.

Nevada AG Ford has joined the AGs from Illinois and Virginia in a law suit demanding that the national archives accept the ratification of the ERA. The House of Representatives will be passing legislation soon to eliminate the deadline. Our two senators are co-sponsors on a Senate bill.

Caucus/early voting: going well - long lines, but successful so far - get out and vote!

Guest speakers:

Sondra Cosgrove, LWVSN: We can no longer sue in federal court against gerrymandering (per Supreme Court ruling in 2019) - changes have to be made at state level - LWV has 50 state strategy to do just that. Here in Nevada, working on amending state constitution to establish an independent commission for redistricting - she has petitions for signatures - must go through two voting cycles to ratify amendment - she will be available after meeting for questions and for signatures.

Assemblywoman, Connie Munk, district 4: to follow up on last months meeting regarding legislation: last session over 30 bills were passed addressing; sex discrimination, sexual assault, sex trafficking, domestic violence, etc. More work needs to be done in 2021 session including changing the language in sexual assault cases; currently only includes "sexual penetration". Question asked about improving sex education in schools - that has been a challenge for years and has been brought up every session.

(insert: this is why we need volunteers to help keep great legislators, like Connie Munk in office)

Toshia Shaw, program director, the Embracing Project: they are a "drop in" facility serving 12-21 year old girls (and boys) - a complete safe space - ideally, drop in facility would be open 24 hours, but they are open Monday - Saturday till 7pm (8pm in summer) - They are smiling, experienced advocates helping kids with trauma, education deficiencies, trust issues, mental health issues, abandonment issues. Treatment designed for each child based on needs. Meals provided by Three Square. They use yoga and meditation to help kids reconnect with their bodies. Toshia is currently working on grant to provide emergency shelter with 4-6 beds - ultimately wishes for group home. More info or to donate go to: theembracingproject.org

Julia Lazareck, president, Friends and Family of Incarcerated Persons: "Community of support from arrest through re-entry when living with a loved one in the prison system". Julia gave a thorough presentation on what to do if you ever get the call that a loved one has been arrested - the steps you should take - the questions that need to be asked. Incarceration doesn't just affect the incarcerated, it also affects family and friends. She discussed the feelings of shame and isolation - how family members don't discuss the situation with friends. This organization provides family members with support groups and guidance in order to

alleviate those feelings of shame and isolation. They help them get through the process of arrest to re-entry.

Special event: March 7th - 1pm - 4pm East Las Vegas Library - How Incarceration Affects Everyone - Info and resource tables, give aways, documentary: "Faces of Mass Incarceration" and much more - free event. More info at: www.TheFFIP.org

Thank you to all of our guest speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burtch, secretary

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