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### **Nevada NOW Meeting Minutes April 14, 2019**

**Call to order:** 2:33pm

Intro of Board Members

Recap of Zoe Nicholson event March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Treasurer's Report:** Starting balance \$3515

Income \$215.98 (memberships, donations, t shirt/button sales)

Expenses \$105 (dues to National, Room rental, Squarespace)

Ending balance \$3688.35

### **President's message:**

We're continuing to track Nevada legislative bills – list available. We've participated in lobbying road trips to Carson City – as well as attending hearings in both Carson City and Grant Sawyer. NARAL has a road trip planned for May 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – sign up now. <https://prochoicenevada.org/>

Jeri and Zoe are setting up an ERA website – the plan is to ask every presidential candidate if they support the ERA and support eliminating the deadline – prefer to have candidates on video. More on this going forward. We still need 1 more state!

We're in the process of reactivating the Nevada NOW PAC account – we will then be able to support Nevada candidates for 2020 – stay tuned for fundraiser information!

### **Special Guests:**

**Hilarie Grey:** only democrat running for City Council in Ward 2 – this is a special election with no primary. Door knocking in the Ward every Saturday. Contact campaign to volunteer. Election day is June 11<sup>th</sup> with early voting from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>. <https://electhilariegrey.com/about/>

**Michelle Villegas, Nevada Political Dir. and Amy Laube, Regional Organizing Dir. for Senator Warren's Presidential Campaign.** Senator Warren will have an event here in Las Vegas on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Contacts for Michelle and Amy: [mvillegas@elizabethwarren.com](mailto:mvillegas@elizabethwarren.com) and [alaube@elizabethwarren.com](mailto:alaube@elizabethwarren.com)

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Juliette Ozols, Be A SHERO Foundation – Boldly Elevating Awareness Supporting Humanity Equality Rights Oneness** <https://www.sherofoundation.org/>

Foundation's mission is to provide resources needed to support, sustain, and empower young girls and women under the age of 25 who have been abused, abandoned, and exploited. They bring other agencies with similar missions together and be a resource center for these organizations. They fill the gaps in service. They have provided 1200 hygiene kits to Title 1 high schools and have provided bus passes when needed. Always looking for volunteers and donations – upcoming events: Savers Fundraiser 4/20 and "It's Time for Tea" even 5/8

**Daniele Dreitzer, Exec. Dir. of the Rape Crisis Center,** <http://rcclv.org/>

Provide advocacy for sexual assault and abuse victims from start to finish. 24 hour hotline, information and services available through resource center –expansion of counseling services through Signs of Hope counseling center. They help average of 750 victims per year – 1500 counseling/support groups. Prevention/education programs provided in schools/neighborhood, such as: "party smart in Las Vegas" – arrive together, stick together, leave together. Training programs with Metro and casinos/clubs: bystanders: what to look for, when and how to intervene.

**Trafficking: SB368:** will abolish statute of limitations for victims of trafficking

Push back against is men of color may be affected disproportionately

Get victims connected to services – minors should not be arrested for prostitution

90% victims were either sexually abused or part of the child welfare system or both

**#Metoo:** Give survivors more empowerment – no shame/embarrassment

Create an environment for victims to come forward – support from community

Intention doesn't matter – it's the way it is received that matters

"If you have a position of power or control – just don't"

Change starts with one conversation – don't make excuses, call it out

Always looking for volunteers - \$50, background check – must be 21

**Electra Skrzydlewski, Regional Dir. from Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto 's office:** Missing and murdered Indigenous women

Senator Cortez-Masto sits on 6 committees – including the Indian Affairs Committee

"Native communities need more support to combat human trafficking and stop violent crime"

Due to under reporting, there's a lack of strong data – difficult to count marginalized communities.

Native women/girls are murdered at a rate of 10 times higher than national average

In 2017 report, more than 5700 Indigenous women were murdered or missing – fewer than 120 were reported in justice system

In tribal communities there's higher unemployment, higher poverty, higher substance abuse, higher sexual abuse

Jurisdictional issues – law enforcement agencies don't always communicate

Two acts have been introduced:

The "Not Invisible Act" : requires coordination between federal agencies to prevent violent crime – requires the establishment of an advisory committee on violent crime, members will include tribal, state and local law enforcement, service providers, rep of relevant fed agencies, tribal leaders, survivors and family members

The “Savannah’s Act” – blocked in 2018 – reintroduced Feb 2019; will help combat the epidemic of murdered and missing women/girls by improving the federal government’s response

Movie to watch: “Why are Indian Women Missing?” on YouTube

Next meeting: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1pm, Sahara West Library

Meeting adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burtch

Secretary, Nevada Now