

General Membership Meeting MCNOW

5/21/17
4-6pm
MCPL – 1B

Meeting called by:	Leadership Council	Type of meeting:	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator:	Laura Collins	Note taker:	McKenzie Goodrich
Timekeeper:	Elizabeth Winchester		

Attendees: Leadership Council, Committee Chairs, General Membership
Please read: NA
Please bring: NA

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome & intro **Presenter:** Jennifer Crossley

Discussion:

Meeting will be a recap from the committee chairs. Collecting snacks for Fairview Elementary snack program. Intro to Kristen – Kristen led meditation, then spoke about Global Meditation Project for unity.

Agenda item: LGBTQ+ Terminology **Presenter:** Novella _____

Terminology is important to facilitate communication and understanding. Novella created a document for sharing and went over the terminology of gender identity and sexual orientation terminology and definitions. Doc will be shared on the event page (?) Invitation to join committee, meeting is first Sunday of every month in room 214, time TBD.

Agenda item: Leadership Council Update **Presenter:** Laura Collins

Discussion:

Chairs - please stay after to get headshot for website, need bios emailed by end of the month

Girls Inc - literature on table, seeking volunteers for their 3 programs - please join if you can.

Nexgt chapter

6/25 1-3

July 16 1-3

skipping Aug

Elections will be held in Nov or early Dec

*A brief recap of the Town Hall/Die-In (Laura) May 11, helped with Indivisible 9th District and other sponsors. Great to work with other groups, form alliances, City Hall chamber was full. Die-In had about 70 participants. Speakers about repro rights, immigration, health care. Plan for additional Town Halls coordinated by Indivisible in towns like Bedford and Martinsville.

*A brief plug for the National NOW Conference in June 30-July 1 and the State Conference in Sept (Laura) - president

and vice president of National NOW will be voted in at this meeting, workshops and speakers. Voting is only available for those in attendance. Ashley and Cathi from Leadership

9-4pm Indiana State Conference is going to be at Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

Indiana State Teacher's Association press conference and rally Monday 5/22 @5:30pm - members invited to attend, wear red for public ed

Cathi Crabtree of Repro Justice presented NOW's six priority issues and the Now Action Plan and how they related to public policy at an IU Public Policy Class on Friday 5/12/17; the students had a lot of great questions and comments; I heard back from the professor today and she said "I really enjoyed your presentation and the students did too! They made some great connections between your talk and our class content! Thanks again!"

*Bloom article mention - editorial June/July issue of June

*Treasurer's Report - Bank Account, 504c (Elizabeth) we can now collect funds! Official Treasurer's reports will start in June.

*Mom's Demand Action Event on June 2 (Mandy - provide a little synopsis of the event and the part we are playing)

*Spencer PRIDE (Ashley - provide a brief synopsis and info about our table)

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Legislative Watch Committee **Presenter:** Mandy Yates

Discussion:

Wear Orange Event - Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence in America
 June 2 event on courthouse lawn NOW MC will table - ending violence against women
 Week of June 5 for letter writing, calling party → place and time TBD this week, stay tuned
 Next meeting = Monday June 12, City Hall - Kelley Conference Room (room 155) - 7-8:30

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Agenda item: Fundraising Committee **Presenter:** McKenzie Goodrich

Documents for sharing - best practices for bloggers, style guide,
 Google doc for submitting events - bit.ly/mcnowevents
 Farmers Market table next Sat - Jenny el-Shamy is creating a postcard to give out at the Farmers Market
 Merch will be coming soon - stickers, buttons
 Volunteers sought for copywriting, copy editing
 communications.mcnow@gmail.com

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Agenda item: Campus Action Network Committee Chairs **Presenter:** Lily Ross and Hannah Gregory

Discussion:
 Campus Action Network is pretty quiet since it's summertime.
 Working on binder/handbook with a strategic plan.
 University Student Life denied application, need to connect with Fundraising to learn more about funding sources.
 Reposting and sharing on social from the Chapter fb page.
 Working on calendar of events for the Fall semester, similar to Feminist Student Alliance.
 Jennifer Piurek - will be providing the list of holidays/events that are relevant to NOW priorities.
 Be Connected site will be created for the Fall semester.

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Agenda item: Racial Justice Chairs **Presenter:** Ashley Pirani

Discussion:
 Next meeting is Tuesday 5/23 8-9pm at All Options Pregnancy Center
 First book club mid-July, focusing on 2 books, taking portions of a documentary (13th)
[The New Jim Crow Michelle Alexander](#)
[A Colony and a Nation](#) by Chris Hayes

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✓ Next meeting - 5/7 12-2pm MCPL

Agenda item: Reproductive Justice Committee Chair **Presenter:** Shruti

Discussion:

Sunday June 11 4:30-6 in upstairs conference room

Nov 5 5:30pm at Waldron - Jackson screening (movie about the last abortion clinic open in Mississippi. Working on organizing a panel, to be included:

Josh - member who is shadowing an abortion doctor over the summer

Looking for additional panelists to speak - Judi Klein and Doris Sims were recommended by members

Screening will be co-sponsored with Common Cause

Working on artwork for fundraising at the screening, looking for additional ideas

Education - getting the truth out about reproductive issues, ideas: sponsor a billboard

The billboard outside the PP clinic is \$1000

Looking into other options, like city busses

Letter to the Editor - Speak Your Mind: local radio opp to speak out, working on a spreadsheet of topics to be shared on the Google Drive so people can sign up and call in.

Posting template on Google Drive - letter to elected officials and other leaders to let them know we're watching, to commend or let them know our concerns, advise that we have a big and diverse group of members who are also watching. Feedback is welcome on the letter.

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Agenda item: LGBTQ+ Committee Chairs **Presenter:** Novella, Annie, Ceci

Discussion:

Last meeting was May 7, most of meeting was about terminology and definitions.

Meetings will be first Sunday of each month 12:30-2:30 at MCPL room 213

Next meeting - history of NOW, LGBTQ+ barriers

Sat June 3 Spencer PRIDE 10-5, they will be there all day, welcomed volunteers

Bloomington PRIDE is late August

Welcome to come to meetings

Book club - welcome suggestions for books to read

Other Information

Observers:

June 4 1pm - Building Success Renewable Energy & Sustainability webinar

Member notes:

Domestic Violence Issues - economic justice and affordable housing are super important to keep in mind

National Low Income Housing coalition, Women's Law Center - webinar stressed Oppose AND Propose, find out the pet issues of the representatives so you can bring your issue in WITH their issues. Some of the discoveries in the survey - don't talk about how someone is wrong, but emphasize that Trump is marching in lockstep with the GOP, not making up his own mind about anything. He is NOT outside the system. Don't use terms like "safety net", use terms like basic living standards. Focus on violated promises. Tuesday 5/23 is supposed to be announcement of budget proposals - elimination of affordable housing (something he has promised not to do). Bringing up a personal story - must "build a landscape" around the story, ex. give the details behind a woman's domestic violence experience, like why she can't get a job/childcare.

handsoff.org → website for how to combat budget proposals right away, #handsoff

Discussion of Community Calendar to help activists collaborate and coordinate meetings.