

General Membership Meeting MCNOW

5/21/17

4-6pm

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Meeting called by:	Leadership Council	Type of meeting:	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator:	Laura Collins	Note taker:	Laura Collins
Timekeeper:	Edie Hering		

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

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome & intro **Presenter:** Laura Collins

Discussion:

Meeting will be a recap from the committee chairs.

Agenda item: Leadership Council Report **Presenter:** Cathi Crabtree

Discussion:

Working on Bylaws and Operating Rules

Upcoming Elections being planned for November - Seeking out members for our elections committee

\$1000 grant from State - figuring out how to request funds

Parade - be your own She-ro

Possibly working with Indivisible Bloomington to bring in Bystander Training - stand by

Agenda item: Legislative Action Report **Presenter:** Brigitte Spencer

Discussion:

June 12 meeting

Partnered with Moms Demand Action for #WearOrange June 3 - Tabled there, planning to partner more with Moms

Calling party about the ACA June 9 - very good showing for a Friday evening

Talking about making callings a monthly thing around primary issues - looking into venues - also a social thing

Question from audience: will you take suggestions for topics for calling party? Brigitte: definitely - email us

Proposal coming to Leadership Council - system for text and email alerts for actions - like a call tree. Free options by end of summer, looking ahead to possibly a paid system in the future.

NExT meeting: July 10, 7p City Hall

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

Discussion:

Call out for people to join the committee
Event for later this year, fundraising, fun social event, email them if you are interested in working on this
Administrative stuff for collecting donations and grant writings - email if you are interested in helping
Meeting the 2nd weekend of the month
Hilary is setting up dine and donates with local restaurants
Theresa is working on pre-order merch - fit is important - we plan to offer a range of sizes

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Agenda item: Membership/Outreach Report **Presenter:** Jennifer Crossley

Discussion:

Met this past Tuesday at the Fields
Talked about improving membership outreach - don't have to be a part of a committee to join us - getting that word out
Farmers Market - wasn't good, Jennifer reached out to city to make sure these issues never arise again
Had planned to do Farmers Market every weekend but have decided not to - a little too time consuming
New Plan - set up at Farmers Market the second Saturday of each month (first one will be July 8 - need members to volunteer to table at our table from 9-11a and 11a-12:45p
Looking into tabling at the County Fair - starts July 24 - 10x10 space is \$170 for the week - need to start planning that now if we want to do it
4th of July Parade -
 Big intro into community to announce who we are
 City waivers need to be signed in order to participate in the parade
 Theme: Be Your Own She-ro
 Costumes - dress up as your favorite She-ro - fiction, non-fiction, past present
 Make signs, carry NOW signs
 Will know more info from City next week as to who we will be next to
 Will be passing out candy - need money: estimate \$150

Agenda item: Communications Report **Presenter:** Charlotte Forstall

Discussion:

Website launched!
Blog is live - Membership Monday posts begin tomorrow
Also have a donate button on the website
Theresa is working b/w communications and fundraising
Newsletters will be 1st Monday of every month
Call out for guest bloggers - if there's an issue you really want to write about
Next meeting July 10, City Hall, 7:30p

Agenda item: Campus Action Network Report **Presenter:** Edie Hering

Discussion:

Still haven't been approved by IU as an official group
Did submit application addressing some issues IU had
Lily is pulling together a binder with Operating Rules and upcoming school year events we need to prepare for
Lily attended the Indiana State NOW meeting - they are really interested in CAN - the only one in the state
State asked CAN to do a blurb for their newsletter
Have meet with a few other groups on campus to learn about what they are doing

Agenda item: Racial Justice Report **Presenter:** Amanda Lamm

Discussion:

Didn't have a meeting this month due to Amanda's work travel
Have set a date for first book club: Sunday, July 23 4p - Amanda will send a reminder to anyone who has expressed interest
Books to start with: The New Jim Crow, A Colony and a Nation, watch 13th (Documentary)
Resource list coming to communications team for the website
Bystander training info coming soon
Looking for a co-chair
July 10 next meeting at 7:30p Library room 214

Agenda item: Reproductive Justice Report **Presenter:** Shruti Rana

Discussion:

Tuesday planning a trip to senator Donnelly (4p) and Young's (2p) office to intro themselves as a new org that has a lot of energy and resources
Put together a 4-page letter with attachments
Sent letter to Young's office - meeting with them on Tuesday 2p to discuss issues raised in the letter - how the AHCA will affect women in Indiana - 50% of births are medicaid births in Indiana!
Share Indiana women's stories, experiences - please contact them with your stories, please contact them if you would like to go - Shruti has 3 spots left in her van - email them with your stories

Plan to visit Reps often
Gathering large resource list of what Reproductive Justice is to counter incorrect info that's out there
Jackson documentary screening with Common Cause November 5
July 30, 4:30 Library 2A

Agenda item: LGBTQ+ Report **Presenter:** Shruti

Discussion:

Table at Spencer Pride went really well
Have been in contact with National NOW on terminology - needs to be updated, we have been assured that they are working on the those changes
Next Meeting Sunday, July 2 at 12:30p, Library room 214
Have a table for Bloomington PRIDE, August 24
Starting a book club, it'll first meet on the 20th of August

Agenda item: Member Q&A **Presenter:** Laura Collins

Discussion:

Die-in is Monday at Court House 11a for sign making, 12 for actual Die-In
Cathi brought in post cards to fill out for concealed carry law to take to Donnelly
Starting a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Committee

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.