

NC Women United
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
July 26, 2004
Planned Parenthood, Chapel Hill

Present: *AAUW NC:* Barbara Ann Hughes, Nancy Shoemaker; *APPCNC:* Patricia Yancey, Kay Phillips, Christina Abbot; *CFW/DVC:* April Burgess; *Democracy NC:* Beth Messersmith; *Ipas:* Kelly Fuller; *Justice Center:* Elizabeth Jordan; *LWV NC:* June Kimmel; *NARAL NC:* Agnieszka McCort; *NCAEJ:* Jennifer Bumgarner; *NCCADV:* Beth Froehling, *NCWW!:* Debbie Guilbault (by phone); *PPCNC:* Paige Johnson; *Triangle OWL:* Anne Mackie; *Women's Center:* Connie Mullinex; *Women's Forum:* Betty Ann Knudsen. *Guests:* Susan O'Neill (NC Green Party), Florry Glasser (Orange County Women's Agenda Assembly)
Minutes from the Annual Meeting, June 28, 2004, were approved.

Program Committee Report

1. It was clarified that although "Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention" does not appear in the list of four major issues in the new legislative process, it is expected to be one of the papers in the Draft Agenda in the "chapter" on "Access to Health Care".
2. The Agenda Building book has been finished. The locations of planned Agenda Assemblies were announced. [See <http://www.ncwu.org/2004/AgendaAssemblies/index.htm> for information as it is sent out.]

Summaries of the Short Session

1. Several members, including Beth Froehling, Patricia Yancey, Beth Messersmith, Paige Johnson, June Kimmel, and Elizabeth Jordan made comments on what happened during the short session of the NC General Assembly. [All the written reports as well as those from members who did not attend this meeting were posted on the web site at <<http://www.ncwu.org/2004/LegisSummaries/>>.]
2. We had not planned a "report card" like the one we did on the 2003 session, but June Kimmel volunteered to write a summary on multiple issues. [That, too, is posted at the link above.]

Other Business

1. We will not be able to use the Planned Parenthood conference room after mid-August. Paige will ask the members to volunteer as hosts and will report options.
2. Beth Messersmith described workshops that Democracy North Carolina and the League of Women Voters' will be sponsoring across the state this fall. These are "Working Locally for Social Change" grassroots advocacy workshops and she said other co-sponsors were welcome. It was moved and seconded that NC Women United lend its name as a co-sponsor. The motion passed without opposition.

Announcements

1. Betty Ann Knudsen said the NC Center for Women in Public Service had its first class complete the Summer Institute of training to prepare women for appointed and elected office. Jennifer Bumgarner was one of the participants. See <http://www.nccwps.org> for information on upcoming workshops and the 2005 Summer Institute.
2. Member organizations who wish to distribute information at the Agenda Assemblies should contact Paige.
3. Patricia Yancey announced that she would no longer be attending the monthly meetings and introduced Kay Phillips and Christina Abbott who would be representing the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of NC.

New member introductions

Debbie Guilbault, first-time attendee and president of NC Women Work!, said:

NC Women Work! is a network of displaced homemaker programs across the state.

A displaced homemaker is:

1. Someone seeking permanent employment and has provided unpaid household service for at least 5 years and
2. Is unable to find gainful employment because of lack of experience or training and
3. Is unemployed or underemployed
4. Has lost her means of support and needs to become self-sufficient

Programs provide an array of services including assessments, career counseling, skills training, resume assistance, job placement, information and referrals, and other support. NCWW! acts as liaison with government and private entities to find financial, educational, and programmatic resources. We advocate for issues and concerns that promote self-sufficiency.

NC Women Work!'s alternate representative is Stephanie Johnson. Debbie is also the New Choices Program Coordinator for the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission Dept. and is an alternate representative for that organization.

Submitted by: Nancy Shoemaker, Secretary

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