



Greater CLE NOW meeting, Wed, 3/22, 6:00-9:00 P, Community Shares Office

1. Guest Ellie Elston from Organizing for Action. The group is focused on health care policy and she presented an update on repeal of ACA and Republican alternatives working on TrumpCare. See event listing below
2. Guest Anna Malefatto from Preterm. She updated on state and national abortion law changes and proposals; also discussed need to have funding to cover the additional costs to clients due to these increased restrictions. See event listing below.
3. Committees/Volunteers: Request made for volunteers to help Pam with the following:
 - a. email (Gina Glorioso Rendall?)
 - b. scheduling
 - c. minutes (Mary Boyle?)
 - d. action liaisons
 - e. Pam named a person to take dues, connect to National NOW?
4. ERA update. Judi Pfancuff reported on status of the constitutional amendment to guarantee equal rights to women. Recently ratified in Nevada. Brief discussion of national and state possibilities. Judi also reported the ERA committee had met.

Action step: Write TY's to all Senate sponsors of the bill introduced in this session to extend the date for ratification. Names of Senate sponsors were provided to all present.
5. Membership. All matters put to a vote, including endorsing candidates for public office, require only dues-paying members to vote. NOW is an organization which endorses candidates, and will in future set up a process to do so. Contributions are not tax-deductible. Campaign contributions do not come from dues but from a separate NOW legal defense fund. Dues connect local members to national NOW. Dues can be paid at meetings or through National NOW website. Those dues get shared with local chapters based on some distribution method or formula.
6. CIFF. NOW is sponsoring a movie in the upcoming CLE International Film Festival. "Out Run" is a documentary of a transgender person running for public office in the Phillipines. It will show 4/4 @ 9P; 4/5 @ 2:30P; 4/6 @ 3:50 @ Tower City Cinemas. Contact Pam if a member plans to attend and is willing to speak on behalf of NOW prior to any of the showings.

7. Community events

Mar 25: 9:30 A. CDWC Sen Nickie Antonio featured. Re running for office, Stone Mad Pub

Mar 31: FR of Sen Brown, with Sen Cris Koontz. Biermarket W 25th, 5:30. \$100.00

Apr 1: coalition "citizen filibuster" downtown AM

March for Health, downtown, noon

Apr 9: Lakewood Dems & other sponsors HUDDLE. Bottlehouse on Madison

Apr 19: ACLU "Prisons for Profit," LWD Library

Apr 20: CDWC event w Marcia Fudge

Apr 22: March for science. 9A, Public Square

Apr 27: Bowl-a-thon for Preterm, Lakewood lanes

Apr 29: CDWC workshop: "Ready to Run" for future candidates for office

May 17: PPGO FR with Gloria Steinem

May 24: ACLU Trans workshop, 5:30 P

8. NOW and local NOW Logistics and other items:

Perkins avenue space will work; in future attendees may take turns unlocking the door from parking lot.

It was suggested that meetings alternate between different weekday evenings; this would allow attendance for those always unable to attend on a specific night.

It was suggested meetings start at 6:30 rather than 6 to ease rush hour slow ups.

This may be helpful to insert in notices of meetings at Community Shares:

Community Shares Office is @ 3631 Perkins in a large warehouse on north side of Perkins between E 36th and E 40. Perkins is between Chester and Payne. Parking and entry is off Perkins east of the bldg. Enter through the door closest to Perkins. Directions to meeting room are posted inside the bldg.