100 Grannies for a Liveable Future

Notes of meeting 5/24,2016

Pat Bowen Chair

Jan Stephan notes

Announcement: sign up sheets for future events will be available on sideboard for your convenience to sign up before or after meeting or during break.

Book cart will be available during meetings; please return borrowed items and remember to sign out new ones with name and date.

All meeting through 2016 will be at Trinity unless otherwise announced.

New format for meetings: Introduction of new members only

Committee reports only as updates needed : notes to be provided to meeting chair for inclusion in minutes.

Dinner for after meeting numbers to be taken from sign in sheet . Becky Ross will cover tonight.

Treasurer's report: Memorial fund-$6102.01

Regular account-$1774.93

Committee reports:

Bag committee- jen Jordan is presenting issues to city concil and may include plastic bag issues; meeting June 6 at 7pm (?) usual council chambers. Grannies encourage to attend.

Education Committee- Art Fest is 6/4-5 Voulnteers are needed; we have a table, tent and chairs; we are in the 'fun zone' with activities for children-the recycle game and environscape.

Film series will be in October at the Senior center; committee is reviewing films now.

Granny Green book is available at prairie Lights for $10

Box for items for Women's Archive is available; the first 4 years of Grannies already there but bring anything that you have about our group to include; Karen is a contact at the archives.

Deb Shloelerman read one of the thank you notes from the schools for the Nanook book and also the Granny green book.

Diet/Climate-Invitation to any member who are interested in joining this group. Vegan recipes available on sideboard for anyone who wants them.

Legislative –no report

Johnson County Fair- clipboard is available for sign ups for 2.5 hour shifts; Monday-Thursday July 25-28 in conjunction with three others groups we have coordinated with previously, would like one granny per shift; there will be less 'stuff' on the table this year with the focus on the Bakken pipeline and vegan/vegetarian diets. Set up will be Sunday and tear down Thursday evening.

The idea for a welcoming committee was introduced. The concept being to welcome new members with coffee and info about the group. Contact Ann Christiansen if you are interested. Business cards with grannie logo can be purchased as well if you are interested that is another Ann contact.

Community rights-report by Miriam Timmer-Hacket

House Party to be held may 26 at home of Becky Ross at 6:30 pm.

House Party to be held 6/8 at the home of Becky Hall.

Emails to follow with process/ invites etc.

Paul Cienfuegos will present a Community Rights workshop 6/14 about 2pm at Harvest Preserve-Pond House and at the library. Posters will be available for posting, it will be on the grannies web page calendar as well as FaceBook.

Bakken Activists- Bakken Resistance Coalition

Deb Dee gave us a power point presentation about the bakken pipeline, concerns and resistance opportunities.

Strategies include- delay, lawsuits currently place against the IUB, native tribes lawsuits, the spirit camp actions and a community rights ordinance.

There are direct actions planned. Actions will be posted on Grannie Calendar online as well as email updates. Actions in the works are river flotillas, wickiups encampments, river guardians to keep all appraised of what is happening. The first flotilla will be 5/28 on South Skunk River at Oskaloosa. There will be another on the Des Moines River on June 25. There is a NVDR training planned for 6/4 at Presbyterian Church on Rochester:9:30 am-2;30:bring your own lunch.

We then had small break out sessions to do an activism scale for evaluation of what risks and activities we each are willing to do.

The Gay Pride parade is 6/18 and Grannies plan to participate.

We were reminded of Wear Orange day on 6/2 against gun violence.

Dianne updated us on status of 501.3 C actions: stating that it is difficult and complicated to do and the group might be better served to 'piggy back' on another organization that already has that status.

We were encouraged to look at the calendar on the web page for activities.

Closed with short reminder from jan stephan of the james ------- statement that we may not win the battle but history tells us that when we fight we win so we need to keep fighting.

Adjourned-put the chairs and tables away and set off for Banditos!