

August 7, 2025

West KY NOW

Minutes

6:02pm opened meeting & adjourned at 7:42pm

Welcome:

Chirstine called the meeting to order the meeting in Paducah KY and welcomed all!

Opening Announcements:

Christine reminded us that NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

Introductions allowed Paducah members to meet Murray members and discuss what events gave them their feminist voice. We had a small Paducah turnout and will continue to reach out to all members.

Next meeting is September 4th, 6:00pm in Murray.

Women's Moment was presented by Sara. Sometimes information presented will illustrate the "unkind" side of life. Sara has been asked to maybe provide mention that an activation warning be presented for those that could be affected by the subject matter.

Christine discussed that we have several members that are interested in being on the leadership team and representing the young feminist (under 35 years old). As stated in the July minutes, this will be formalized by the current leadership team to be presented to the members in the September 2025 meeting

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS:

President' Report: (Christine)

- The National conference appeared to have a lot of difficulties to the point that the counting of the voting for new President and VP was initially halted. The elections results were subsequently approved by national board with Kim Villanueva as president and Rose Brunache as vice president
- It was noted that there is confusion regarding membership dues. As we understand, \$35 dues are paid to National; they keep \$10 and provide \$25 to the local chapter.
- We are a local WKY chapter under the leadership of the KY State NOW, in the Southern District.

Vice President's Report (Pam):

- Please check your [membership status on this google doc](#)
- Pam is working on the members list to invite those people that were members but are no longer attending.
- Anyone wanting to help is welcome

Secretary's Report (Sara))

- July minutes had been sent to all members
- Reagan made a motion to accept the minutes. Sam seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Megan):

- Megan reported \$1,102.07 in the mutual aid account and \$1,673.57 in the main account.
- WKYNOW has adequate funds, but we should think about fundraising for future projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECAP OF August EVENTS:

The July Health Minute – Breast Feeding information will be shared in the August newsletter by Laura Ray. The committee discussed reviving Padding the Pantries campaign, but had some questions about logistics. Next meeting is Monday August 11 at 5 pm at the Stables, Murray.

Bodily Autonomy recap was presented by Sam. The committee has put together Sexual Health Resource bags to be provided at the MSU Explore Murray (to welcome new students) event!

Next meeting is August 17th at Future Grounds, 8 am

Human & Equal Rights (HER) committee recap was presented by Pam. Pam mentioned that six different groups are being contacted to see what the needs are of these groups. Those contacted include

- Serenity Recovery,
- Merryman House,
- CASA by the Lakes,

- FRISKIES,
- Oakley Student Resource Center (formerly the Women's Center)
- International Students,
- Hispanic community.

The committee meets the Sunday before our monthly meeting (next meeting is August 24th) and when we will be looking for common threads of "need" from these groups. The group talked about broadening our reach beyond Calloway County. Erin mentioned groups in Marshall County such as Marcella's Kitchen could use help. Pam said as we expand our committee members and gain members in each of the adjoining counties, we can look at how WKYNOW can partner.

In the July meeting, Christine asked Sara to resend the information that was last done for the Murray HR ordinance passed last year. Sara will follow up on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Community Support:

We could use a member that would like to be the coordinator of the community opportunities. Let Christine or Pam know, if that person is you!

- August 16th Explore Murray (Saturday, 6:00–7:30pm)
- Aug 25th Trigg County scholarship event. Hummingbird banding. \$15/person. 9am
- August 30th Murray KY Pride (Saturday, 9:30–5:30pm) – need volunteers
 - Making fans, writing postcards, voter registration
- Sept 4th Women of Numbers hosting a fundraiser for Serenity Recovery
- Oct 4th, Great Rivers of Sierra Club 1st annual fundraiser for MSU students majoring in sustainability field
- Oct 19th WKY NOW Fall Potluck. Sam and Reagan will coordinate
- Jan 8th, 2026 -WKY NOW Birthday celebration & fundraiser

Minutes submitted respectfully by Sara Fineman, August 8, 2025