Agenda for MC NOW General Chapter Meeting

January 23, 2025

Link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oDzcufFUwIxo7DUgy2KQEXjAdIyYR2bQ/

Attendees:

1. Welcome

2. Introduction of the Board
    a. President – TammyJo Eckhart
    b. Treasurer – Mandy Yates
    c. Membership – Jean Varble
    d. Secretary – Andrew Hodges

3. Planned Events for MC NOW
    a. February Chapter Meeting – Community Building Workshop
    b. March Chapter Meeting – March 13, 7pm, IU Cinema, Screening of the award-winning documentary, Girls State. Followed by a short Q&A with one of the subjects of the film.
        i. Tickets must be picked up before the event.
        ii. Announcement: https://cinema.indiana.edu/upcoming-films/screening/2025-spring-thursday-march-13-700pm
    c. Current Ideas for Chapter Meetings this Year
        i. Focus on one of our six core issues, one issue at a time
    d. Various Outreach events where we will staff tables and give people information about our chapter and the matters we care about
        i. We will need volunteers for these occasions so let us know if you want to be put on that list of folks to contact
        ii. Women's Historian Luncheon March 27th
        iii. Spencer Pride October 4th
    e. Chapter Elections in November 2025
    f. Co-sponsoring an event with the Bloomington League of Women Voters, Girls Inc., and the Monroe County History Center in 2026 for the 250th anniversary of the declaration of American Independence from the British

4. Let's Look at the 2024 Member Survey
    a. 22% of official members filled out the survey
    b. Our questions were crafted using a template from National NOW and making some of the questions more specific to our area.
    c. Invitations were sent out three times to the survey, the first time included paper copies to three members without email but with postal addresses.
    d. A summary of the results was curated to remove email identifiers.
    e. Highlights – How much do we want to share from it? Just an overview of the results or make the report accessible to anyone who has the link?

5. What do you, the members of MC NOW, want to do this year?
    a. Ideas & Volunteers
        i. Andrew Hodges – React to the legislative agenda in the state house, amplify MadVoters posts and actions
        ii. Maria Douglas – Indiana Taskforce weekly action hours https://www.indianataskforce.org we could partner with them; she will make an email introduction between us; Mandy will ask Natalia if Indiana NOW has an existing relationship with them
        iii. Julie Hardesty – find a volunteer activity to share with members so that we can help
    b. Share Core Issues: https://www.monroecountynow.org/issues

6. Thank You

Passwords for accounts shared with Andrew:

Secretary (secretary.mcnow@gmail.com, scribenow2018 PW)

Mandy will set him on social media, too.

Exchange of phone numbers –