

## WILPF Cape Cod Meeting Notes from March 27, 2018

Attending the meeting were Donna, Margy, Chris, Jan H., Jan K., Mary, Elenita, Kelly, Noreen, Karen, and Sherrie

Elenita has the basket for April. Alycia will facilitate.

The One WILPF Call attendees: April - Elenita and Mary, May - Kelly

### Treasurer Report

Donna reported that International Women's Day receipts without six unpaid ads totaled \$1074.01. She received at the door \$458 cash and \$175 checks. Our current balance is \$2788.30

The room rental renewal from HCC is in hand. Donna will survey the membership to see if people want to continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday or move back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights.

### International Women's Day

Kudos were given to the committee members who organized this year's event.

### Brewster In Blooms Parade - May 6

Margy pointed out that the website lists the theme as Culturing Clams rather than the Sea Captains and Treasure that Alycia had designed our entry for. Spending clams for peace, etc. resulted as a new entry idea. Margy and Donna will work with Alycia on the new theme and organizing for the parade. Judy agreed to let us use her truck and 7 people said they would participate. They are Margy, Donna, Elenita, Karen, Mary, Kelly, and Alycia (included although she was not in attendance).

### Earth Day - April 22

Jan H. reviewed actions happening around Earth Day by other groups and we discussed how we could participate with them. Elenita suggested we go to our local disposal sites and ask people to sign a petition about the bottle ban. Jan H. said she'd work on getting materials to us and organize the event. (Done)

### Citizens' Climate Lobby

Jan. K began by urging people to use Facebook as a method for learn about what's going on. She was able to boost the IWD event posting and it got hundreds of hits. She then stated that 400 youth signed up to vote at the Boston March For Our Lives and Jan H. commented that the League of Women Voters is handling that issue on the Cape. The Citizens' Climate Lobby is working toward legislation requiring a carbon fee. The fee would be charged at the source of the fossil fuel, the net revenues would be distributed to US households, and include a border tariff to discourage businesses from relocating to avoid the fee. They are building a coalition and she'd like us to think about supporting them and the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition. She handed out information on the Citizens' Climate Lobby and said she'd send more information. (Done)

### Art of Conflict

Noreen asked for our support for the Tree of Life event with Rajie Cook to be held at the Eastham Public Library at 10:30am on May 19. He will be selling his book Visions of My Father and donating proceeds to the Tree of Life. We agreed to donate \$100 as a co-sponsor.

### Year of the Child - Next Steps

Chris stated the marchers made a visible statement of how gun violence affects children. She suggested possible next steps are:

- A One Day Peace Fair- to be held in the summer, promote books
- High School Senior Scholarships - require the application be created around a social justice issue
- Bake Sale Poster - have a bake sale and hand out post cards with information on who to contact regarding the budget

Jan H. suggested we hire students to run the peace camp and said that we have enough material to use for the camp.

Elenita said the Human Rights Commission offered scholarships and required an essay on the individual's activism and 2 teacher recommendations. She said they called them stipends so the student didn't have to report it as a scholarship which reduced their financial aid. There were not more than 10 applications per year typically.

Noreen said she is on a committee where they send the scholarship money directly to the school to be sure it's used for education.

There was a discussion about whether to offer one \$1000 scholarship or multiple \$500 scholarships.

Chris volunteered to do more research about the scholarship and bake sale ideas.

### Climate Change Victory Gardens

Chris read in Green America about Victory Gardens making a comeback but instead of related to war they are related to producing our own food and growing it in an environmentally conscious way. She suggested we promote this idea Cape-wide beginning next year. Jan H. pointed out that's what Francie Randolph does in Truro.

### Membership and Website

Sherrie is taking on the membership duties. Once she finds out who hasn't renewed this year she will send something out.

There were 4 people at IWD who wanted to be added to our mailing list so she will send the newsletter to them and notify them of WILPF actions. If others have names of interested people send them to Sherrie so she can add their names to the list.

Barbara Woodbury is very responsive when asked to make a change to the website and Sherrie is happy to pass along changes people may have. Jan H. asked that the photo montage from IWD be placed on the website. (Done)

### March For Our Lives

Noreen commented on what a positive experience it was and it gave her hope change may occur. Margy was one of the speakers and noted that there were more adults in attendance than students.

### Poor People's Campaign

Elenita said the WILPF US information on the website was minimal so Jan H. read about the campaign from an email she'd received. It's related to the Martin Luther King campaign. Jan said beginning on Mother's Day there is a week devoted to each of the issues (about 6). Jan got the information from being on a One WILPF Call and signing up. Branches need to sign up to participate at [WILPF4PPC@gmail.com](mailto:WILPF4PPC@gmail.com).

Mary and Elenita will ask for more information on the April One WILPF Call.

Margy announced that Wolf Hollow premieres at Harwich Junior Theater on April 13.

There's a Moms Demand Action meeting on April 25, 5-7pm at UU Barnstable

*Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA*, APRIL 12, 2018, 6:30pm - 9:30pm at Cape Cinema

Elenita ended after check outs saying we should revisit whether to have programs during the meeting again to get more in depth information about issues.