



Hollywood Now Chapter Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chapter President John Erickson.

- I. The meeting started with all attendees introducing themselves
- II. John provided a **Legislative Update** on actions the Chapter is sponsoring, and said these bills are now headed to the Governor's Office for signing (or rejecting). For more info, please see detailed information on the Hollywood NOW website.
- III. John provided an update on the Chapter's upcoming production of **The Vagina Monologues**:
 - a. Date: February 17 & 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. (both days)
 - c. Place: West Hollywood City Council Chambers
 - d. Next Steps:
 - Secure co-sponsorship of key stakeholders in the City of West Hollywood:
 - * Lesbian and Gay Advisory – Approved
 - * Transgender Advisory Board – Approved
 - * Women's Advisory Board – To be presented at upcoming Board meeting (9/28/17)
 - Submit program funding request proposal to West Hollywood City Council for approval (targeting Oct. 3 council meeting)
 - Select cast (all requests to participate should be submitted to John and Karen for review)
- IV. John provided an update on the upcoming **LA Advocacy Training Project**, which the chapter is supporting / promoting. Next session will be "How to Write an OpEd," which John and Karen strongly recommended for everyone interested in learning about writing opinion pieces and getting their name in the media as a women's rights advocate. Date is Sunday Oct. 22 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at NCJW-LA.
- V. The Chapter agreed on the following schedule for upcoming chapter meetings (all are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. tentatively planned to be held at Veggie Grill at Crescent Heights and Sunset Blvd., **except for special events**):

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10/18- 11/15- 12/13- 1/24/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- February 17-18 special event: Vagina Monologues production- March special event (date TBD): Herstory Award during Women's History Month
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- VI. Sara provided an update on Membership Outreach and chapter members discussed possible ways this could take place.
- VII. Executive Committee members shared the following updates:
 - John talked about the Transgender Day of Remembrance event that is produced annually in November by the West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board, and said there is a volunteer opportunity for chapter members at the upcoming event on November 20 in West Hollywood.
 - John also discussed the chapter's sponsorship of the event "Tea with Alice and Me" (more info TBD).
 - Karen provided information on webinars related to the upcoming March for Black Women, which the chapter is supporting, and the next meeting of ROAR, the West Hollywood chapter of Indivisible.
 - Karen also shared several bills being sponsored by NCJW-LA that are asking for citizen action.
- VIII. Chapter members and others were given the opportunity to provide updates and comments.
- VIII. John adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The next chapter meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Veggie Grill.