

Notes of June 20, 2022 General Meeting. Cindy Pabst, note taker

1. Announcements:
 1. Gala, June 28 5-7
 2. Need RSVPs by July 7. Please do this even if you think we know you are coming.
2. TLF wants us march in the Pride Parade. She wants us to wear our SOS T-Shirts, so it looks like a group supporting her.
 1. Meet:
 1. PERA parking lot. NE corner of intersection of PDP (Paseo De Peralto) and Old Santa Fe Trail. Across from the Roundhouse main entrance
 2. Time: 10:30. An hour earlier than when the parade starts.
 3. Park at the Convention Center. If you don't have an SOS T-Shirt, you can wear her one of her (TLP) T-Shirts.
 4. Official end of the march is NW corner of the Plaza. But then everyone keeps going up to the federal bldg.
 5. Go see Jana at her bookfair sale from 9 to 2:30.
3. No meeting on July 4. No August. Will resume Sept 12.
4. Next week's speaker is Kayla Herring, from Planned Parenthood. Week after John Blair from Mayor's office. They need advance questions - please send to Jayne.
5. We should try to schedule postcard parties. Please host. Maybe/ probably put on the calendar on website.
6. Legislation from the senate on gun safety? Discussion between members, good and bad.
 1. How important is it for the laws to accomplish everything or to be a first step. If we fight what they are doing now, the R's will highlight that D's objected.
 2. We need to impact something on the state.
 3. Raffle being held in Clayton to raise money for fireworks and they are using as a prize an assault rifle. Can you imagine that?
 4. Texas R party - extreme. Recent Texas R convention - After statements taking us back to the dark ages, they mentioned

seceding from the Union. When John Coryn got up to say why he was behind gun safety, he was booed.

5. Jan thinks some organizations have got to figure out a middle stance. Standing the ground that we have to get assault rifles. We can't stay complacent.
6. Some of the commentary is that if this passes with 10 R votes, it will break the logjam.
7. Marcy Matasick, Raging Granny.
 1. Their mission is to bring music to protests.
 2. Started in Toronto in the 80's at anti-nuke rallies. Every city in the country has a raging granny group. All over the world too. Marcy's been working for peace and justice for 50 years.
 3. Raging Granny has been active in ABQ. Sally-Alice Thompson, founder of ABQ chapter, is 98. She marched across the states in her 90's. She marched for MOP: money out of politics, with a mop! In the 90's she went to a demonstration and heard the Raging Grannies and Sally wanted to start a group here in ABQ. Sally-Alice Thompson and Marcy are the only ones writing the lyrics. They got more active after Trump. Bringing songs to protest - there was always one person with a guitar. There were certain theme songs that people never tired of. Civil Rights movements, the same. Recent years, she went to rallies where there wasn't any singing so they decided to write songs and sing them to pull the energy together.
 4. The Drum Corp and Raging Grannies talked about working together.
 5. Quaker Meeting house, across from Trader Joe's 5:30 - 7pm rehearsal, June 29.