**Women’s Issues Committee, STNC**

**North Valley City Hall**

**Feb. 7, 2017**

**1. Meeting called to order** by Ana Orudyan at 6:30 p.m.

**Board/Committee members attending: Pat Kramer, Ana Orudyan & Julie Cuddihy. Additional attendees:** Initially, Mark Reed, Jose Castillos, Ana Kasumyan, Anne-Marie Vauber..?, Sonia Tatulian, Jeanne Fernandez, Cindy Cleghorn & Nina Royal (15 present although some did not sign in).

**2. Public Comments:** Mark Reed outlined his platform for CD7 as did Jose Castillos.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

* **Dec. 8, 2016:** Minutes were reviewed. (Orudyan/Kramer) moved to approve. The minutes were approved by a quorum.
* **January 3, 2017:** Minutes were reviewed. (Orudyan/Kramer) moved to approve. The minutes were approved by a quorum.

**4. Discussion: Whether to reschedule the next meeting which falls on March 7, 2017.** After discussion about the possible conflict with the City election, it was decided that the meeting would be noticed at the location of the S-T Chamber office, same time: 6:30 p.m. Ana was to confirm that the meeting location was available and email all the attendees, plus post it on all of the city locations as a one-time move to this location.

5. **Discussion: Candidates Forum:** Ana announced that Mark Reed, a candidate for CD7, had offered to share his email list with her to outreach to the community about the Candidates Forum. Since this is an Outreach Committee function, a decision was made not to do further outreach, except on the normal channels of Facebook and other community pages.

6. **Discussion: Email Notifications**: Mark Reed, a candidate for CD7, also offered his email list of several thousand members to the Women’s Issues Committee to use for their own outreach. During discussion, members of the committee felt it would be a conflict of interest to use a candidate’s email list and that there might be a legal issue with doing so. Ana stated that she was unable to open the file anyway so she did not intend to use the list. The decision was made to just outreach to people who had given permission to use their emails for this purpose only.

7. **Future Agenda Items**: Ana would like to set up an event for the community directed at educating women about getting financial aid to take college classes. She did not have a specific date but suggested using North Valley City Hall for this event and having different speakers, one hour each, and information tables. She also suggested having child care for that date so mothers with small children could attend. She will research this further and discuss it more in detail at an upcoming meeting.

Speakers for future meetings:

* Services for homeless women
* Education on domestic violence
* Suicide prevention and mental health education
* How to spot signs of teens using drugs
* LAPD Day of Dialogue

8. Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, STNC board member and Women’s Issue Committee member