

RC NOW MINUTES

Date: 12/16/2021

Facilitator: President Maliha Williamson

Call to Order

6:30 p.m.

Welcome

- A. President Williamson welcomed new and returning members.
- B. Motion to approve Dec 2021 meeting minutes: Susan Dye, 2nd: Maya Rodriguez.
Approved unanimously.

Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doucet presented the report. 11/18 beginning balance \$913.55, debits \$29.98, ending balance \$883.57
- B. Legislative Chair Report: Skipped
- C. Membership Chair Report: Skipped

Guest Speakers

- A. Karen Borja and Leti Cachu from Planned Parenthood talked about the current, dire situation of women's rights/abortion, under attack by the Conservatives. Sept 1, ban in Texas came into effect, banning abortions after 6 weeks. In addition to the ban, there is a bounty put in place. This law is being compared to the Fugitive Slaves Act, where people were rewarded for turning Black people in. They also talked about our local Planned Parenthood – Riverside Family Planning Center being the target for constant protestors who harass anyone coming to the center and in sometimes even block the entire driveway. Planned Parenthood is looking into hiring escorts to make it safer to be able to visit the center.
- B. Michael Dunlao did a reading from his book The Wisdom of Guncles. Guncles is a term used to defines the gay uncles and aunts and what an important role they play in defining our own identities. The unconditional acceptance that we receive from them because they have been rejected by their families or society. Often, the black sheep of the family, they help other black sheep find their voice/identity.

New Business

A. Board positions: We took a vote for board members for 2022-2023. Maliha Williamson, who took over Denise Sala Gore's role who she moved to Connecticut has been elected as President. Denise Muro has stepped down as Secretary and Angel Nevin has been voted in as Secretary.

Adjourn

7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

January 27, 2022