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Charleston Women March Onward (CWMO) Meeting

May 23, 2017

Observer: Barbara Fry

Meeting Summary

Facebook — [ChasWomenMarchOnward](#) 24 Women in attendance; held at Barbara Fry's home.

[Barbara Fry](#) welcomed the group and mentioned a few of the events that have occurred since our last meet. She also introduced Louise Miller as a new CWMO member as well as a presenter later in the meeting.

Committee Reports. [Karen Byko](#) (Healthcare and Reproductive Rights); [Carol Degnen](#) (Immigration) and [Mary Ellen Raphael](#) (Environment), each updated us on the work their committees are doing. Note that committee reports and other information posted in "Files" on the FB page. Members may contact these individuals if they are interested in becoming involved in their committee work.

[Louise Miller](#) then gave a presentation introducing [Emerge America](#). Louise has been working with Emerge to get South Carolina

recognized as a state affiliate (*and has since succeeded in that goal!*). **Emerge's sole purpose is to find and train Democratic women to run for office.** An email was sent to CWMO members on May 25 (*copy below*), encouraging support if interested. Members are encouraged to support Emerge and spreading the word

An **open discussion** followed. It was determined — based upon the overrun of the social period — that members really enjoy getting together over wine and snacks, and the in-home versus public space approach to meetings is preferred.

There was internal organizational discussions. It was suggested “Action Calls” could be improved to members so members can make a proper response. Also discussion regarding the use of social media to communicate important information was discussed.

Additional FB training may be needed to make sure individual members have set their notifications correctly to get the information to respond appropriately. There is a need to resolve this issue soon to be an effective voice as we continue on into 2018. More discussion is needed at our next formal meeting in September.

Adjourned at 8:30 submitted by [Barbara Fry](#)