

|City of Bloomington, IN

June 2017 CSW Minutes

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday, June 1, 2017 5:30PM

McCloskey Room, Suite 135

City Hall

401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN

Commissioners Present: Jacqueline Fernetto, Beth Friedman Kirk, Penny Githens, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Regina Moore, Maqube Reese

Commissioners Absent: Sylvia Martinez

County Commissioner Present: Monica Dignam

High School Adjunct Members Present: None

Staff Liaison Present: Sue Owens

Community Volunteer Recorder Present: Donna Goings

Community Guests present: Beverly Calender Anderson (CRFD Director), Penni Sims (Girl Scouts of America)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Debby at 5:30pm.

Beverly visits each commission once a year and expressed appreciation for the work the commission members do and offered help as needed for the members. Regina also thanked Sue for her role as liaison.

Presentation: Penni Sims (Girl Scouts of Central Indiana) will present “The State of Girls 2017: Emerging Truths and Troubling Trends” on July 27 from 11:30am-12:30pm. She gave a brief overview of the presentation. The July program is to share the data and discuss problem-solving strategies to address the implications of the data. Penni thanked the group for letting her share the data. The data will be shared in regional presentations in each district the Central Council serves. Elected officials will be invited to attend and participate. Contact Penni with suggestions/questions. The goal of sharing the data is to bring awareness of the data so communities can respond.

There was conversation about how to provide education re: birth control, STD, etc. to Girl Scout troop groups/leaders.

Additions to Agenda:

- A letter regarding school shaming of students about lunch finances
- A question about university liaison

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 2017 were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Old Business-A. WHM Lunch – March 21, 2018

Jacqueline clarified her term is up and she is willing to be on the committee but questions whether she should be chair if not reappointed. A co-chair would be a good resource. The first meeting will need to be sooner than prior years due to the committee also selecting the speaker. Jacqueline clarified the time of meetings and what the chair role involves. Debby is willing but the fall can be a challenge in terms of her schedule. Ashley is interested but is not able to attend meetings at lunchtime. Debby and Jacqueline will co-chair the committee.

Old Business-B. Equal Pay Day Event - Recap

Regina indicated they could share a list of pluses/suggestions to help in planning next year. Two people from county commission are already in place for next year.

Jacqueline shared new commissioners need to be aware of the need to be involved with one of the group's major activities.

Old Business-C. Leadership Scholarship Initiative

Ashley tabled the conversation about changes. Three applications were reviewed. \$300 are available. One applicant received funds last year. Discussion ensued about requesting to revisit amount from city. Today we must work with \$300. One application needs to know asap. An idea is to consider funding based on timing of event to be attended because it is a reimbursable funding. Beth moved to award \$150 to Kathy and to Ashley. Not seconded. A question was raised about need and about giving \$300 to Ashley and none to Kathy. Questions were asked about Marcella and her attending the same event last year. Her application could be tabled until next month and still meet our timeframe for responding. The cost for each is about \$700. Discussion continued about talking with Kathy and explaining nuance for Ashley. Another idea is to fund the application and the two women then decide how to divide the funds. An issue is the two submitted a joint application. Penny moved \$250 be awarded to Ashley and \$50 to Kathy. Jacqueline seconded. Motion passed with five in favor; 2 opposed, and no abstentions.

Debby talked about history of funds for LSI. Penny moved we request \$1500 per annum for LSI and Ashley seconded. Motion approved. Regina asked for a listing of history of LSI—Sue clarified it is on line. Ideas for the criteria were suggested—such as a limit on amount and length of time before applying again.

There is still a need to decide about Marcella's application. The decision was tabled and she will be asked what she has done with her learnings in the past year and why the commission should fund a second year for her.

Beth moved that an additional \$500 be requested for the rest of 2017 and Penny seconded. The motion was approved with 5 in favor, 2 opposed, and no abstentions.

Report from Monroe County Women's Commission

Monica indicated members of the County Commission are attending committee meetings of the legislature during summer. They are inviting City Commission members to join them. She will email a poll of 10 issues to CSW for input. Two County commissioners are putting together an opioid detail for 9/28.

Check-in from High School Liaison

None

New Business-A. Liaison's Report

None

New Business-B. Non-voting members

Tabled

New Business-C. Community Capacity for Prevention and Education

Penny would like a presentation at a future meeting by Community Capacity for Prevention and Education which targets individuals aged 13-24 for AIDs education, etc. The Commission is willing to have the group on any month that works for them. Next month's meeting is in the July 4th holiday week, so it might be better to wait until August or later.

New Business-D. Incorporating intersectionality into BCSW mission statement

Tabled

Letter about lunch shaming

A national issue is being addressed in different ways by schools. Two school board members disagreed with the policy passed and wanted a delay in the vote. Some of the issues are some children not getting a hot lunch; children being put between adults in financial situations; and the lunch being taken away from children and not being used. Bloomington Safe and Civil program has written letter and has asked the commission to support this. They are working with other groups to have a more sustainable solution that gives a hot meal and doesn't stigmatize children; Regina moved that the Commission join with other commissions in sponsoring this letter and Jacqueline seconded. Motion approved.

Rise to run .org

Regina shared Rise to Run is a movement mobilizing young progressive women of high school and college age to run for office. One of the four pilot programs is in Bloomington. Rachel and Regina are having conversations with people at library June 15 in the evening and June 18 in afternoon. They will send out a note to commission members.

Community Input: None

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Goings