

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**THURSDAY, April 6th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.  
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

Present: Shruti Rana, Landry Culp, Nana Amoah-Ramey, Delaney Thompson, Hannah Chudleigh, A'ame JoslinDebby Herbenick (virtual), Nicole Bennet (virtual), Elise Erwin (virtual), Susan Hingle (virtual), Nikki Williams, Monroe County Women's Commission (virtual)

BCSW Goals:

- Identify the needs of, resources for, and services available to women in order to improve opportunities for women in Bloomington.
- To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of services that benefit women.
- To educate ourselves on federal, state and local issues as they relate to women and identify participation efforts to assure women's equity. Strategy will include issuing publications, materials, and research findings and educational opportunities for our community.
- To maintain a close liaison with other women's commissions and advocacy groups.

Call to Order

5:36pm

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – February 2023, no March minutes

February minutes approved

New Business

- 2023 Women's History Month Luncheon Wrap-up
  - Commission discussed the luncheon – things that went well and things to do differently next year
    - Layout for luncheon this year was great – should maybe keep guest count to around 300 so we can have the same layout next year
    - Keynote speaker was fabulous!
    - Will restructure sponsorship levels for next year
    - Need to raise ticket prices (at least to \$30)
    - Google Spreadsheet for check-in w/ access given to those working the registration table
    - Names / faces of "VIPs" (including past award winners) sent to commissioners AND folks working the event one week prior to WHM
    - Do a "create your own nametag" with it sitting at each seat along with markers on the tables
    - "Sponsor-a-table" or a person - suggestions to sponsor: Women's Equality Club at South (maybe North too?), Girl Scouts, other women run/ benefitting non-profits?
    - Email attendees from 2023 - maybe do an early bird discount?
    - QR code on the program or table for 2025 nominations
    - Printed boards around the room as a gallery walk of the commission's history.
    - Potentially doing "sponsor-a- (fill in the blanks)" - like sponsor a giftbag with women-owned business materials or sponsor a girl scout cookie box per person or sponsor a donation of feminine products from the commission to Girls Inc? - all along the lines of support our Bloomington

neighbors / creating intentionality and awareness of how corporations can spend their own money (thinking wording could look like sponsor a giftbag - thank you for sponsoring X amounts of giftbags - we are grateful for your donation and also encourage you to continually support the women-owned

- Bloom Magazine Update
  - Bloom Magazine is writing an article on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Commission that will come out in its next issue
- Communication/Social Media plan
  - Will add this to the May agenda for discussion

#### Old Business

- Voting of new co-chair
  - Nana Amoah-Ramey was unanimously voted in as co-chair
- Public bathroom letter
  - Review and approval
    - Marissa will add Commissioner names before sending
    - Approved unanimously
- Consent letter
  - Review and approval
    - Marissa will add Commissioner names before sending
    - Approved unanimously
- MCCSC Racial Equity Policy
  - Will add this to the May agenda for discussion

#### Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
  - Nikki Williams was attending virtually
    - She reported that the MCWC is now meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
- High School Liaisons
  - Delaney reported that the new MCCSC Social Studies book is on hold due to Roe v Wade
  - GEMS (Girls Engineering Math Science) asked Delaney to help select a new math book

#### Public Input

#### Adjournment

6:32pm