

# THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

THURSDAY, February 3, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

McCLOSKEY ROOM, SUITE #135

CITY HALL

401 N. MORTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IN

## MINUTES

**Commissioners Present:** Cathi Crabtree, Kristi McCann, Debby Herbenick, Regina Moore, Toby Strout, Debra Vance, Beth Kirk

**Commissioners Absent:** Jacqueline Fernette, Penny Githens

**High School Adjunct Member Present:** Yeeseon Chae

**Staff Present:** Sue Owens, Community and Family Resources Department

**Public Present:** Samantha McDowell, IU Student

**Community Volunteer Present:** Ashley Hazelrig

1. Call to Order  
5:34 by Debby
3. Request for Additional Agenda Items
4. Approval of Minutes – January  
Debby says meeting called to order at 5:30 instead of 6:30  
Cathi motions approval, Toby seconds
5. Old Business
  - A. WHM Luncheon  
Sue reports. The deadline for the invitations is extended to next Monday. The Peace Choir has no sound system this year. Markie's has one that costs \$600. Jacqueline recommends not having the peace choir. Toby motions. Cathi seconds. Regina wants to know why the convention center's sound system cannot be used for live performances. Beth wants to know if the convention center has a contract with Markie's. Sue says yes. Kristi questions about the choir singing acapella. Regina says they have a guitar and keyboard usually when they perform. Beth wonders if we can ask them to sing without a sound system. Cathi says if we're not paying them then we don't necessarily need a motion to not invite the Peace Choir, only the commission going to pay for a sound systems. The committee can make the final decision if we are making no financial choice. Gladys Devane's theme is "Making the Union More Perfect: Indiana's Remarkable Women" for Indiana's bicentennial celebrating 5 of the 200 outstanding women. She is also making collages. Sue wondered if they could be on the large screen. Yeeseon has connected with teachers who will be able to get students in to the event. They may get tickets instead of tables to have the students more mixed in the crowd. Mrs. Losier will have an essay contest (tutorials and prompts will be presented between 10:40 and 11:20 February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>). Commissioners are invited to present for the essay contest. Toby wants to know the themes. Yeeseon says one focuses on the commission's mission and one is about women's history month and there is another about women in government. Cathi volunteers the 16<sup>th</sup> and Debby in the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Leadership Event: The topic is Social Activism. Three topics are Black Lives Matter, Public Education, and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America) Cathy Fuentes Rohwer and Rachel Guglielmo are confirmed for public education and Gun Control. Looking for a young woman from IU to speak on Black Lives Matter. In total, there will be three panelists, one keynote, and a Q&A. During the program we will give each group a minute to spiel about their group and they can network afterwards instead of doing a table. Emerging Leader award will be given at the meeting. Scholarship recipients will also speak. Did not contact the two earlier to speak.

B. Monroe County Women's Commission Report

Debby reports. She missed the weekend retreat which was a workshop to put together this year's plan and a three year plan. Will report the next plan of action. Debby likes the rotation idea for county commission attendance. Second Friday of every month at 12pm-1:30pm

C. High School Liaison check-in

Mrs. Crespo is going to help out with the feminist circle along with Mrs. Sweeney. Have talked about getting more students to come. Focus more on a theme. Next meeting will be on body image. Cathi offers resources on body image. Kristi offers some input because there are resources through Girl's Inc. Debby says to maybe reach out to athletics department of the high school for more resources.

- New Business

A. Local issues related to violence against women

Cathi reports. She reached out to the Training Institute on Strangulation. There is no contact info on the website, so Cathi had to go through the "out of country store order" to find a phone number. She is still trying to reach someone. Planning on doing a guest editorial paired with the New Yorker article on strangulation because of local parallels.

B. Liaison Report

Sue met with Rory James and Jasmine Utterback and they want to promote a documentary on HPV. They want to make a short presentation at the April or March meeting and want to partner with the commission to promote to the IU and Bloomington community for HPV awareness. Debby says we should probably try for the April meeting because March is such a busy month for the commission. Cathi wants to know if they could pre-send a link so that we can go into the meeting informed.

- Public Input

Kristi says its teen dating violence awareness and prevention month.

- Adjournment

Cathi motions to adjourn Kristi seconds.  
Debby adjourns at 6:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Hazelrig