

MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, October 6, 2016

The next BCSW meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2016 5:30pm. BCSW meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Commissioners Present: Debby Herbenick, Beth Friedman-Kirk, Cathi Crabtree, Kristi McCann, Regina Moore, Jacqueline Fernette, Toby Strout, Ashley Hazelrig

Commissioners Absent: Penny Githens

Staff Present: Sue Owens, Community and Family Resources Department

Public Present: Amanda Stephens, Donna Goings, Kathleen Mills, Grace Bertch, Kim Smith, Elizabeth Sweeny, Anna Strout, Elyssa Campodónico

1. Call to Order
5:35pm by Debby
2. Request for Additional Agenda Items
None
3. Approval of Minutes – July and September
Tabled until November meeting
4. Introductions
5. Old Business
 - A. WHM Lunch and WLD Event
-date for 2017 WHM Lunch is Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Cathi reports that a keynote speaker has not been secured. There are two that the committee is still looking at (Elizabeth Cullen Dunn, associate professor of geography and international studies at Indiana University and Aviva Orenstein, professor of law and Val Nolan Faculty Fellow at the Indiana University School of Law) and they hope to have a decision made by mid-October. Debby states that we may go ahead nail down a 2018 date to help to secure a speaker in time before and Sept 20th is the first meeting
6. Reports from Commissioners:
 - A. Monroe County Women's Commission Report (Regina)
No report. There will be a meeting between the commissions at the December meeting, however there could be a conflict of schedule because the Mayor is planning a commissioner appreciation party on the date of the December meeting. We may push the commission meeting back to December 8th.
 - B. High School Liaison check-in (Regina)
Regina invited Kathleen Mills and Elizabeth Sweeny who brought some students who were interested in the High School liaison position. Debby tells the students about the Women's History Month luncheon and Cathi speaks briefly on the Leadership Development Event. Debby also talks about the scholarships the commission awards. She goes on to explain that we have an interest and try to stay current on the issues effecting women of all ages in our community which is why it is important to have the High School Liaison. Cathi lets them know that this is term would be the second time we have a high school liaison and if they have any questions, Yeesson Che would probably be more than happy to give her perspective. Debby opens the floor for questions from the students and community. Conversation on affecting legislation, volunteerism, LGBT alliance, programs targeting women of color and sexual education

7. New Business

A. Liaison Report

Sue wants to remind people that some commissioner terms are coming due January 2017. Debby points out that because Debra Vance did not reapply for her term, the commission has no vice chair. She asks that anyone interested contact her and Sue.

C. Future Planning

- Public Input

Jacqueline Fernette retired from IU and her office made a gift of \$300.00 to the Commission on the Status of Women.

- Adjournment

6:35

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley R Hazelrig