

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

**MINUTES
November 2, 2017**

Commissioners Present

Commissioners Absent

High School Liaison Present

Community Present: Jae Joseph Smith guest.

1. Call to Order
By Debby Herbenick at 5:34pm
2. Request for Additional Agenda Items
3. Approval of Minutes – October
Minutes approved.
4. Rising Black Women Conference Presentation
- Indiana University Graduate student Ellise Antoinette presents. Graduate students are planning an annual summit at IU. The conference is called “Rising Black Women” and will establish a support system for black undergraduate women. Fields of interest include education, mental health, self-care, professionalism, etc. The graduate students want to use BCSW to promote the event and offer connections. Call for proposals happen at the end of November. Tentative scheduling for the conference is March 30-April 1.
5. Old Business
 - A. WHM Lunch - March 21, 2018
-Awards Selection Committee (Ashley-chairperson, Penny, Jacqueline) Need fourth BCSW member.
- Jaqueline reports. Shared ticket pricing and table pricing with committee. Sponsorship levels recommended to remain the same. The committee discussed securing a keynote speaker sponsor. Sue clarifies that after speaking with legal, specific speaker sponsors cannot be solicited because IU is a co-sponsor. BCSW can only solicit general sponsors. The Girls Scouts will donate cookies and the truffles will also be sponsored. The committee has done a brainstorming session at the last two meetings because of the caliber of the keynote speaker, there may be ways to solicit more sponsors. The committee has committed to contacting people on the list and wants the commission to commit to contact people on the list as well.
 - B. WLD Event (Beth, chairperson) – March 8 (International Women’s Day).
- #ReclaimingTheMedia: Amplifying Women’s Voices. Danielle Kilgo and Maresa Murray confirmed available as speakers. Lisi will present on hashtags.
 - C. Leadership Scholarship Initiative (Ashley)
- No report
6. Reports from Commissioners:
 - A. Monroe County Women’s Commission Report (MCWC)
-No report

B. High School Liaison

- Lisi reports. College application season has brought up conversation about the lack of women in stem fields. Lisi and a friend are looking into why that is. Last year there was a GEM (girls in engineering and math) group who had speakers from the community that allowed for girls to connect with science and discover an interest. This is scheduled to happen again in the spring, but there will be a need for guest presenters. Most programs are targeting more minorities than women specifically and the high school teachers are not aware of the programs being offered in the community nor are they that well promoted. Science teachers need to know more about programs like the Jim Holland program.

7. New Business

A. Liaison Report

- No report

B. Strategic Planning Session

-Discussion followed let by Debby on Strategic Planning for 2018 year. Jaqueline provided a historical background of BCSW work. Areas of interest were identified. Discussion will continue in subsequent meetings.

C. Possible Additional Events

-Discussion was tabled as a continuation of the strategic planning session.

D. BCSW Newsletter

- No report

- Public Input

-Ellise Antoinette plugged her social media brand “Fatness Fiction” which is purposed to dispel the myths associated around plus size people by proving a space to celebrate themselves. Fatness Fiction also offers a \$500 educational scholarship.

- Adjournment

By Debby at 7:34pm