

City of Bloomington, IN

January 4, 2017 CSW Minutes

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday, January 4, 2017 5:30PM

McCloskey Room, Suite 135

City Hall

401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN

Commissioners Present: Penny Githens, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Beth Friedman Kirk, Maqube Reese

Commissioners Absent: Jacqueline Fernette, Zaira Hernandez, Regina Moore

County Commissioner Present: Monica Dignam

High School Liasons: Lisi Skiba, Bloomington H/S North

Staff Liaison Present: Sue Owens

Community Volunteer Recorder Present: Donna Goings

Community Guests present: none

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Debby at 5:36 P.M.

Additions to Agenda: Info for incoming commissioners; Women's Equality Day

Approval of Minutes: The December minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected. Penny moved to accept and Maqube seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A. WHM Lunch—March 21, 2018

Sue shared a press release went out today about nominations. The acapella group Ladies First has been hired. They will confirm this coming week about whether they had a need for a microphone.

B. WLD Event—March 8, 2018

Beth shared a planning meeting is coming up on January 15.

C. Multi-Commission Bicentennial Contest

Maqube described a Bicentennial History Project—different age groups will create a history project for a contest. The group is still finalizing details about the awards and guidelines. Sue indicated the contest has changed since last month's discussion. The project will not be divided out by commission but rather one contest overall.

D. BCSW Newsletter

Many thanks to Sue for her initiative in getting it out. A question was raised about what the frequency of the newsletter should be. The 20th of every other month was suggested as a guideline to get articles into Sue. Commissioners were encouraged to forward theirs on to other people who might be interested. There is an opt-in feature in the newsletter. Sue is going to try to get the attendance list from the WHM luncheon last year to use as a base for sending emails about interest. The WLD attendance list is also a good source. The Buskirk did put a box on their website

Report from Monroe County Women's Commission:

Monica shared about her trip to Ireland. The County Commission is visiting the legislature on 1/25. The group is primarily gathering information and being a presence during the short legislative session. They want this to be an ongoing activity. The Commission is looking for a new secretary. Debby indicated the County Commission has unofficially decided to do a Women's Pay Equity event in August. The BCSW will co-sponsor the Pay Equity event with them if they decide to have it. The County Commission is having a retreat on January 27.

Report from High School Liaison:

No report

New Business

A. Liaison's Report

Sue is still waiting to hear from the Mayor and City Council about reappointments and new appointments. Thanks to Beth, Penny, and Regina for their service. This is their last meeting as commissioners.

B. Black History Month Events

Maqube shared the kickoff for Black History Month is February 1 at City Hall. The reception starts at 5:30. The speaker is Eric Love, Director of Inclusion at Notre Dame. The theme is

Protest to Progress—Unmasking the Movement. Awards for the essay contest will be distributed at Fairview Elementary. The 14th annual gala will be Feb. 24 at Hilton Garden Theme with a masquerade theme. A silent auction will be held during the gala. Tickets are \$50 and will be available Feb. 1 at Buskirk.

Additional topics discussed:

Women's Equality Day is August 26. This topic was deferred to next month because the new commissioners should be on board then.

Perhaps the Commission should partner with other agencies such as Rise to Run or Girls, Inc. to help focus on the importance of having women's voices heard and advocate. Question was raised about the Commission having another event. Another idea was to connect with a teacher who is already focusing on similar topics. Lisi validated this would be a good idea. She described a couple of teachers who she thought might be good—Angie Cannon was one possibility.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Goings
Community Volunteer Recorder