

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
THURSDAY, March 1, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Debby Herbenick, Amy Stark, Jacqueline Fernette, Jacqueline Fernette

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Zaira Hernandez, Maqubé Reese

CITY STAFF LIAISON: Sue Owens, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Dept.

COMMUNITY GUESTS PRESENT: Justus Kelley, Yongseop Kim, Lauren Koen

1. Call to Order- by Debby at 5:39 pm
2. Approval of February Minutes- all approved
3. Introductions
 - A. Justus, Yougseop, and Lauren are all students of the Indiana University School of Public Health. They were joining the meeting to know gain an understanding of City commissions and the issues discussed specifically by BCSW
4. Additional Agenda Items
 - No requests
5. Old Business
 - A. WHM Lunch - March 21, 2018
 - Jacqueline reports. Tickets sales are on track for usual. The committee is asking commissioners and other committee members to consider purchasing seats for donation. The committee is providing tickets to Middle Way House, MCCSC, the Girl Scouts, and the Neal Marshall Cultural Center. The committee needs two county and two city commissioners to volunteer to help out with the identified stations. The volunteers will need to be at the luncheon at 11am. Doors will open at 11:15. All commissioners are asked to promote the luncheon on social media.
 - Sue reports that the ticket sales are currently at 278 including tables.
 - Ashley reports for the awards committee that winners have been selected. Debby asks that wording be revised to emphasize impact or demonstrated persistence towards positive change. Perhaps adding wording that suggests “the commission is interested in demonstrated leadership”.
 - A. WLD Event (Beth, chairperson) – March 8 (International Women’s Day).
 - Ashley reports. The theme is #ReclaimingTheMedia. Dr. Danielle Kilgo and Dr. Maresa Murray are the speakers. Beth met with speakers recently to cover the presentations. Volunteers are asked to be at the Showers Building by 5pm when the doors open.
 - B. Leadership Scholarship Initiative (Ashley)
 - No report
 - C. Multi-Commission Bicentennial Contest (Maqube)

- An update is given that there will be a street fair to promote local organizations to celebrate the bicentennial. The deadline for joining has already passed, so the commission will not be able to participate.

6. Reports from Commissioners:

A. Monroe County Women's Commission Report (MCWC)

- No report

C. High School Liaison

-No report

7. New Business

A. Liaison Report

-Sue reports that she received a message from Hayley Bougher, the program assistant for Women 4 Change IN. She is interested in the commission's Women's History Month events and would like to help next year in order to collect ideas and resources for Women 4 Change. Ashley suggests that Sue invite the group to volunteer this year as well if they are available.

B. Additional BCSW Projects

- Conversation follows on the addition of non-voting advisory members to the commission. Debby proposes a motion of 1, 2, 3, or 4 such members be requested. Amy makes the motion that the commission file a motion with the city commission for the addition of two non-voting advisory members. Debby seconds. The motion passes.

-Conversation follows on the commission adopting a co-chair model for leadership. Jacqueline motions that the commission adopt the model, and Ashley seconds. The motion passes.

D. Liaison to the MCWC (replacement for Regina)

- Sue reports that Monica sent a message that there is no longer a liaison for the Monroe County Women's Commission. Jacqueline will volunteer, but cannot make the March meeting.

- Public Input

- None

- Adjournment- Debby adjourned at 6:32pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Hazelrig