

## **City of Bloomington, IN**

**May 3, 2018 CSW Minutes**

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

**Thursday May 3, 2018 5:30PM**

**McCloskey Room, Suite 135**

**City Hall**

**401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN**

**Commissioners Present:** Nana Amoah-Ramey, Landry Culp, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Sylvia Martinez, Maqube Reese, Lynne Shiffriss

**Commissioners Absent:** Jacqueline Fernette, Amy Stark

**County Commissioner Present:** Monica Dignam

**High School Liaison Absent:** Lisi Skiba, Bloomington North

**Staff Liaison Present:** Sue Owens

**Community Volunteer Recorder Present:** Donna Goings

**Community Guests present:** Georgeann Cattelona and Julia Warren from Commission on the Status of Children and Youth

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Debby at 5:35 P.M.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The April minutes were reviewed.

**Action Items:**

- Ashley moved to approve minutes as corrected and Nana seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. WHM Lunch**

Commissioners are encouraged to think of potential speakers all year long and to bring suggestions to the group. Monica shared an email from Jacqueline asking the group to

consider a larger corporate sponsor for the luncheon. Baxter was suggested as a possibility. A diversity of perspectives about the idea was discussed. Concern was expressed about what the motives of a corporation might be in sponsoring. An advantage would be to have more financial support for speakers, etc. An observation was made that the number of sponsorships for the Commission's events is lower than for other city events. The Commission doesn't have strict policies for sponsors but does try to get companies that support the mission/goals of the Commission. Concern was also expressed about how much involvement the company would have in selecting speakers, etc.

**Action Items:**

- Maqube will explore a personal contact she has at Baxter.
- Further discussion was tabled until next month.
- Jacqueline is willing to be chair for next year.

**B. WLD Event**

Ashley shared the wrap-up meeting details. What worked was early planning (by end of December); using IU as a resource for speakers; and organization of group meetings with agenda. Things to improve were getting people out of the atria and into the room (always an issue) and attendance (perhaps trying a weekend date and working with Ivy Tech for credit for students). Discussion ensued about marketing of event and about timing of event. Ideas generated were to use email addresses from WHM luncheon as a source and for teachers to offer as extra credit for high school students. Another idea was to have a photographer for professional head shots of attendees at the event. Monica indicated Diana Nixon from the County Commission is interested in this subject and might want to help. Lynne also offered to use her contacts/experience to help. The target audience is for anyone (all ages and genders). A weekend event would be more available for students, working parents, etc.

**Action Items:**

- Decision was made to keep in March for one more year and to focus on tactics of marketing to see the results.
- Maqube volunteered to be chair of committee and Nana will co-chair. Lynne, Landry and Ashley will be on the committee.
- Maqube and Nana also volunteered to be on WHM committee. Ashley is interested but can't meet in the middle of the day.

**C. Leadership Scholarship Initiative**

Evelyn Smith has applied for a program August 28-31 for the National Sexual Assault Conference. She will be a presenter. Cost is \$1,487, and she is requesting \$400 for travel costs and ½ of per diem of \$64 per day. City doesn't like to reimburse for the per diem items.

**Action Items:**

- Debby moved and Maqube seconded to cover \$400 of travel costs. Motion passed.

**D. Multi-Commission Bicentennial Contest**

Two representatives of the content committee shared about the contest on July 27 from 5-7pm at Monroe County History Center. Winners' works will be exhibited. The Commission contributed \$300 for expenses. Applications need to be submitted by June 29.

**E. Election of Co-Chairs**

This agenda item was moved up on the agenda to allow input from all members present. Debby described the role and activities of co-chairs. Ashley and Sylvia submitted their names for co-chairs.

**Action Items:**

- Both were elected by consensus of the group members.

**F. Pay Equity Event—August 26, 2018**

Maqube is involved in the planning of this event. The planners are looking for speakers for breakout sessions and for sponsors. The planning group is requesting \$100 from the Commission.

**Action Items:**

- Debby moved that the Commission be one of the sponsors and contribute \$100 to the Pay Equity event on August 26th. Ashley seconded and motion passed. Approved \$100. Motion passed.

**G. Black Girls Discussion**

Debby shared that several groups are working with the school system to get data about black female students. She and others have met with school administration to explore the topic.

**Action Items:**

- Debby proposed that this issue keep getting our attention. This can be done in a variety of ways such as the theme for next year's WHM luncheon or an event in the fall or a task force.
- Georgeann Cattelona offered the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth as allies and partners on this issue.
- Ashley volunteered to continue email conversation with Debby.
- Debby will follow-up with an email to the commissioners and to Georgeann.

### **Report from Monroe County Women’s Commission:**

Monica based her report on what Jacqueline was going to share. Jacqueline would like a back-up as liaison when she is not available (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at noon in courthouse). The report on the economic status of women identified Indiana as one of the lowest states. Jacqueline would be willing to work with a person from the County Commission to do a joint guest column for the paper. Nancy White from the County Commission will do State House visit in January. The community outreach for the County Commission is Girls’ coding week through Ivy Tech. The focus will be on girls ages 11-14. Two sessions (June 18 and June 25) with 20 girls each will be offered.

#### **Action Items:**

- Lynne volunteered to be a back-up for Jacqueline to attend County Commission meetings.
- The possibility of a joint guest column will be put on the agenda for next month.
- The City Commission members are invited to join Nancy from the County Commission for the State House visit.
- Commission members are encouraged to consider girls who might be potential candidates for the Ivy Tech coding class.

### **Report from High School Liaison:**

Lisi shared that students had a short lockout on the Columbine school shooting anniversary—participants left the building and took a lap around the track. She went to Washington, D.C. for the March of Life with some other students. Students from both South and North High Schools participated in a rally at the courthouse in support of Parkland students and as a way to keep the momentum for reform going. She is headed to Purdue next year and will major in Biology

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Liaison Report**

No report

### **B. BCSW Retreat**

Monica shared about a speaker they had on vision that was effective

#### **Action Items:**

- Sylvia suggested a survey to determine good dates for an extended meeting for the retreat.

### **Public Input—**

Georgeann shared the Indiana Institute for Working Families might be a good resource and ally for the Commission. She shared about the work of the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth on policy development. They are working with IU to do community conversation on child mortality in September.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 04P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Goings  
Community Volunteer Recorder