

City of Bloomington, IN

April 5, 2018 CSW Minutes

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday April 5, 2018 5:30PM

McCloskey Room, Suite 135

City Hall

401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN

Commissioners Present: Nana Amoah-Ramey, Landry Culp, Jacqueline Fernette, Ashley Hazelrig, Lynne Shifriss, Amy Stark

Commissioners Absent: Sylvia Martinez, Debby Herbenick, Maqube Reese

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: none

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ashley Hazelrig at 5:36 P.M. Members of the group introduced themselves.

Additions to Agenda:

- 1) Report from Maqube Reese—Pay Equity meeting
- 2) Conversation about young black girls in Bloomington (tabled until May)
- 3) Possible retreat
- 4) Review expectations of role with new commissioners and obtain volunteers for committee responsibilities (tabled until May)

Approval of Minutes: The March minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected. Jacqueline moved to approve minutes as corrected and Nana seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A. WHM Lunch

The lunch for 2019 is scheduled for March 20.

Jacqueline shared high level results of evaluations from this year's luncheon. 31 people responded. 28 responded for first question of overall experience with 4. 15 responses to second question about changes were positive. Question three was about future ideas—11 were given. Question four concerning any more suggestions had mostly positive responses.

Jacqueline reviewed balance sheet and shared highlights. The event is a break-even event. There was \$315 profit compared to a large loss of \$3000 in 2017. Some differences included doubling number of sponsorships and there were more tables sold rather than individual tickets. There were more tickets sold overall.

Debby provided great leadership for the award presentations. She kept notes all year about women in leadership and was able to nominate several women. All the commissioners are encouraged and challenged to keep notes this coming year and make at least one nomination next year.

B. WLD Event

Report tabled until next month. Ashley indicated the event went well and discussion was good.

C. Leadership Scholarship Initiative

Ashley reported that none of the funds has been allocated yet. Applications are more likely to come in over the summer. Ashley encouraged commissioners to “spread the word.” Ashley described the purpose of the initiative—to support women who are trying to attend educational experiences (conferences, conventions, training) targeted to girls and women and bring back info to the community to assist girls and women. A link is on the website and a brochure is used in displays at events. The winners speak at the WLD event.

D. Multi-Commission Bicentennial Contest

Sue spoke to the topic. It is a contest for K-12 to do a project related to the arts. Awards will be given in late July. All the commissions are requested to earmark \$300 toward the project—1/2 to the reception and 1/2 to the awards. 16 total awards will be presented. Jacqueline moved we contribute \$300 in funding towards the bicentennial contest. Amy seconded. Sue and Jacqueline summarized overall financing of the CSW. Motion approved.

Report from Monroe County Women's Commission:

Monica shared thanks for recognizing Liz Vital at the WLD event. The venue has changed to the courthouse on the second Friday. It is a public meeting and all are invited. New officers have been chosen—Monica is chair; Ann Collins is vice-chair. Jaqueline was welcomed as our liaison to them. A committee is working on Pay Equity Day, which is scheduled for August 26. Maqube is part of the planning group. The commission is supporting 2 Ivy Tech coding camps for girls—June 18 and June 25. They are working with Girls Inc. to provide transportation. There will be 20 girls each week (11-14 year olds from underserved groups). A suggestion was made to connect with the Banneker Center and also to connect with principals of several schools. There will be a special recognition event on Friday of each week.

Report from High School Liaison: no report

New Business

A. Liaison Report—no report

B. Additional BCSW Projects

This item was taken off agenda—it is a carry-over from past.

C. Liaison to the MCWC

Jacqueline Fernette has volunteered for the present time. Ashley clarified there are two commissions and a liaison between each to coordinate. Amy moved Jacqueline Fernette be liaison and Lynne seconded. Motion approved. Sue will send email to MCWC for official notice.

D. Election of Co-Chairs

The group decided to wait to allow people to ponder role. Ashley summarized leadership roles and responsibilities of the Commission group and of events and committees. Two major events are held in March each year, and each commissioner is asked to serve on a committee for one of the two events.

E. Retreat

Historically a day or a longer meeting is scheduled to address topics in more detail. Usually the longer meeting works best due to the challenges of scheduling.

Public Input—None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Goings
Community Volunteer Recorder