

City of Bloomington, IN

June 7, 2018 CSW Minutes

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday June 7, 2018 5:30PM

McCloskey Room, Suite 135

City Hall

401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN

Commissioners Present: Ashley Hazelrig, Sylvia Martinez, Maqube Reese, Lynne Shiffriss, Amy Stark

Commissioners Absent: Nana Amoah-Ramey, Landry Culp, Jaqueline Fernetto, Debby Herbenick

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: Michelle Whitney

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ashley at 5:33P.M.

Additions to Agenda: The tampon tax item was deleted. The wording of the joint letter item was changed to joint column.

Action Items: Maqube moved to accept agenda and Amy seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: The May minutes were reviewed.

Action Items:

- Minutes were corrected to state Sylvia is the co-chair rather than Maqube. Maqube moved to approve minutes as corrected and Amy seconded. Motion passed.

Introductions:

Community guest Michele Whitney introduced herself. She works with IU School of Nursing in Bloomington and is involved at the church level with community initiatives. She is interested in the work of the Commission and perhaps becoming a member.

OLD BUSINESS

A. WHM Lunch—March 20, 2019

The planning committee will reconvene in September to begin planning for 2019. First order of business is usually getting a speaker. The theme for 2019 is Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence.

Action Items:

- Maqube will follow through with her contact at Boston Scientific to explore a possible corporate sponsor.

B. WLD Event

A date hasn't been established yet. Maqube and Nana are working on that.

C. Multi-Commission Bicentennial Contest

No updates.

D. Pay Equity Event—August 26, 2018

The event will be August 26 at the Courthouse from 2-4 and will include three interactive sessions. The Commission is asked to announce the event in our newsletter and on Facebook. Discussion ensued about the relationship between the two commissions in sponsoring this event. Sue also clarified MCWC is always invited to include anything they want in the newsletter.

Action Items:

- Monica will seek clarification of the relationship between the two commissions in sponsorship at the MCWC meeting this week.
- Maqube indicated to Amy to especially invite 4-5 participants of Girls' Inc to attend.

E. Black Girls Discussion

A task force is in development.

Report from Monroe County Women's Commission:

Monica indicated that MCWC's meetings are going to be broadcast by ???.

Action Items:

- Lynn will attend the MCWC meeting this week in place of Jacqueline.

Report from High School Liaison:

No report. Amy has a possible candidate for a liaison next year from Bloomington South.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liaison Report

No report

B. BCSW/MCWC Joint Column to Editor on pay equity issue

Monica discussed the idea of the two commissions' writing a joint guest column on women's status in Indiana—infant mortality, pay equity, incarceration rates, etc. Monica would like a laser focus on women and not necessarily children. The Co-chairs/Chair of the Commissions would sign the letter on behalf of the two Commissions. The Pay Equity Event would be announced in the column.

These issues can also be addressed in the newsletter. The newsletter goes out the beginning of the month and Sue needs the info by the 24th/25th of the prior month.

Action Items:

- The column will be on the next month's agenda. Monica and Lynne will work on developing a draft.

C. BCSW Retreat

August 2 meeting will be extended to 7:30 for the Commission's retreat. The group agreed by consensus that a moderation would be effective in assuring each Commissioner can be an active participant. Monica shared about the moderator used at the MCWC. Maqube and Sylvia are unable to attend. Monica clarified whether she should attend. Commission members agreed it would be beneficial.

Action Items:

- Monica will send the moderator's info to Sue.
- Sue will explore potential moderators for the meeting.

LSI

Maqube shared Sam Harrell is requesting \$481 for hotel and airfare for a national sexual assault conference. She would bring the knowledge into Middle Way house. Another person from the same organization has already been approved for the same conference. Concern was expressed about the potential lack of diversity in the use of our funds.

Action items:

- Maqube moved to award Sam Harrell \$200 and Amy seconded. Motion passed.

Bias Crime Reporting Law

John Clower presented to MCWC about this law. Interest was expressed about his coming next month to present to the group. Indiana is 1 of 5 states which doesn't have hate crime legislation and doesn't collect statistics. Jaqueline is recommending we join the Coalition and sign the letter.

Actions:

- John will be invited to come next month.
- Monica will encourage MCWC members to attend to attend next month for this presentation.

Lynne announced the opening of the exhibit at the History Center on black history in Monroe County at 5:30PM on June 8. A Breaking the Color Barrier reception will be held from 6-8pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Goings
Community Volunteer Recorder