

City of Bloomington, IN

September 6, 2018 CSW Minutes

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday September 6, 2018 5:30PM

McCloskey Room, Suite 135

City Hall

401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN

Commissioners Present: Jacqueline Fernette, Ashley Hazelrig, Sylvia Martinez, Maqube Reese, and Amy Stark

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

County Commissioner Present: Monica Dignam

High School Liaison: N/A

Staff Liaison Present: Sue Owens

Community Volunteer Recorder Present: N/A

Community Guests present: Savannah Wormley and Kai Taylor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ashley at 5:32P.M.

Additions to Agenda:

- Jaqueline: filling slots on WHM committee.
- Sylvia: public input to advertise Hispanic Heritage month event
- Savannah Wormley introduction

Approval of Minutes: The July minutes were reviewed at 5:54pm after quorum reached.

Action Items:

- Amy moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. WHM Lunch—March 20, 2019

The planning committee will begin meeting in October. Jacqueline sought co-chair for WHM lunch and Amy Stark volunteered. Sub-committee needs suggestions about a potential keynote speaker.

B. WLD Event

First meeting of planning committee was held on August 9th. Maqube, Landry, Nana, and Lynn attended. Since Lynn resigned from the commission, we will need a replacement on Sub-committee is still deciding on date for the event. Possible dates include: March 1, March 23, or March 30. The commission discussed the pros and cons of particular days/times for the events. Commission discussed the target audience for the event. We noted that publicity for WLD event should be included in WHM lunch invitation.

Maqube also noted an interest in having a fair at the event, whereby women owned business could be present. We also discussed the idea of a service fair (non-profit organizations) rather than vendors. Next meeting is scheduled for September 13th.

C. Pay Equity Event—August 26, 2018

Monica reported on the event. She noted an issue with rooms but that event went smoothly. Estimate is that there were about 30 people in attendance. She noted that not moving between rooms as originally planned worked out nicely. Monica noted the need for more publicity for the event or trying the event on a weeknight rather than Sunday afternoon. Maqube had no additional comments about the event.

D. Black Girls Discussion (No report)

Report from Monroe County Women's Commission:

Jacqueline reported that Eric Koch (state senator) came to September meeting. She also noted that the commission changed the verb tense on the guest column on the status of women in Indiana. She also gave an update on the bias reporting (led by John Clower). The commission decided to endorse/sign the letter but still wants more information before proceeding with further action. The commission did encourage him to form a coalition.

Lastly, Jacqueline noted that the BCSW liaison for MCWC is a voting member. She requested voting reciprocity between liaisons.

Action Items:

Jacqueline raised a motion for the MCWC liaison to be accepted as a voting member of the BCSW. Amy Stark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report from High School Liaison: (no report)

Amy introduced Kai Taylor to the commission. Kai is a sophomore at Bloomington High School South. She won “Girl of the Year” for her work with Girls Inc. Ashley noted we would be in touch with Kai about her potential position as High School Liaison for BCSW.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BCSW/MCWC guest column (Lynn and Monica) to editor on pay equity issue (Jacqueline)

Action Item:

With minor edits Jacqueline moved to endorse the guest column. Maqube seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Savannah Wormley Introduction

Guest Savannah Wormley introduced herself to the commission. She is interested in being a member of the commission. She noted experience and interest with service to her community in Bloomington and beyond

C. BCSW planning retreat outcome (Ashley)

Ashley gave a quick debriefing of the planning retreat. She noted that the group produced outcomes for the commission during the retreat (handout on record). All agreed that the outcomes are useful tool to gauge how commission is doing or where it would like to go. Jacqueline noted that the commission needs to take more action. She recommended we take extra 15 minutes each month to think of action items.

Public Input

Sylvia informed group on a Hispanic Heritage Month event at the Buskirk-Chumley taking place on September 20th at 6pm. Free event for the public.

Action item:

Maqube motioned to elect Kai Taylor as High School Liaison to the commission. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment – 6:39pm

Ashley moved to adjourn meeting at 6:46 p.m. and Amy seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Goings
Community Volunteer Recorder