

**The Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Thursday, December 6, 2018 5:30 PM**  
**McCloskey Room, Suite #135**  
**City Hall**  
**401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Landry Culp, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Jaqueline Fernetto, Maqube Reese

**Commissioners Absent:** Nana Amoah-Ramey, Sylvia Martinez, Amy Stark

**County Commissioner Present:** Monica Dignam

**High School Liaison:** Kai Taylor

**Staff Liaison:** Sue Owens

**Volunteer Recorder:** Savannah Wormley

**Public Present:** Candice Summer and Steven Gibson with U.S. Army Recruiting, Araceli Flores, guest

1. **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Ashley at 5:36 pm

2. **Request for Additional Agenda Items**

- Jacqueline wonders if we should discuss the coalition against domestic violence
- Debby offered to follow up on family leave pay discussion

3. **Approval of Minutes – October**

- Ashley moved to approve October minutes as amended. Maqube motions to approve October minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

4. **Old Business**

- **Women's History Month Luncheon**

- Jaqueline and Amy report. Joyce Ajlouny of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) will be the keynote speaker. American Friends Service Committee. The committee is currently working with her office to see how much else she would like to do in the community while she is in Bloomington. Sue has moved forward with contracts.
- Jaqueline proposes a \$500 BCSW donation to AFSC group. Movement to donate by Jaqueline. Maqube seconds and Landry thirds. Ashley moves to support the donation. All in favor.
- Landry asks if they Friends organization in Bloomington should get a table at the luncheon.

- **Women's Leadership Development**

- Maqube reports. The event will take place on March 30, 2019 from 10-2pm. Already have confirmation for individuals to speak.
- The topic of the event is "Women, Power, and Progress." The event will feature a breakfast in order to reach out to more members of the community.
- Landry discussed potentially giving baskets as door prizes promoting women-owned community businesses. She will explore which businesses can contribute the baskets and will report at the next meeting.

- **Black Girls Discussion**

- Debby reports. She mentions Keyandra Wigfall, who is a student working on a mentoring program and Dr. Maresa Murray of the School of Public Health, who would be great speakers for the WLD event.

5. **Liaison Reports**
  - **Monroe County Women's Commission Report**
    - Monica Reports. The MCWC recruited women for Hoosier Women Speak event. The Indiana Women's commission will make a report and their chair will make a presentation to BCSW. Shirley Fitzgibbons from MCWC attended the City of Bloomington joint commissions on the suspension rate of minorities vs. whites
    - The MCWC intends to do a legislative visit in January to discuss paid family leave resolution, and would like to invite commissioners from the BCSW. Debby asks what type of family leave this resolution will address. Debby adds that she has discussed the issue with the city. The BCSW discusses a letter in support of family leave for city employees. Ashley will reach out to commission on status of children and youth to draft joint letter of support.
  - **High School Liaison Report**
    - Kai reports. Bloomington South will have a feminism club showing that feminism is not just for women. She notes that her club is a good way to advertise BCSW events.
  - **Staff Liaison**
    - No report. Articles and information for the January newsletter are due by December 20.
6. **New Business**
  - Jacqueline highly encourages all commissioners to submit nominations for the Woman of the Year Award.
  - Ashley brings up a discussion on BCSW cosigning letter on bias reporting. BCSW will continue as a coalition partner, but will not write letters.
7. **Future planning**
  - Ashley reached out to the Feminist Student Association on IU's campus about Take Back the Night, and is interested in working with them on a film series. Ashley wonders if BCSW could connect with the Rosa Parks birthday event.
8. **Public Input**
  - Araceli Flores is a visitor who is a student at Indiana University where she is studying international studies. She is interested in learning more about women's affairs in the Bloomington community.
9. **Adjournment:** 7:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Savannah M. Wormley