

**The Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Thursday, January 3, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**  
**McCloskey Room, Suite #135**  
**City Hall**  
**401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

**Meeting minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Ashley Hazelrig, Maqube Reese, Debby Herbenick, Landry Culp, Nana Amoah-Ramey, Jacqueline Fernetto, and Savannah Wormley

**Commissioners Absent:** Sylvia Martinez, Amy Stark

**County Commissioner (absent):** Monica Dignam

**High School Liaison (present):** Kai Taylor

**Staff Liaison:** Sue Owens

**Public Present:** Araceli Flores, guest

**1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm.

**2. Request for Additional Agenda Items**

- No additional items

**3. Approval of Minutes – December**

- Debbie moved to approve the minutes. A few changes were proposed-Sue will make the corrections.

**4. Old Business**

- **Women’s History Month Luncheon**

- Jacqueline reports. The event will take place on March 20, 2019 with the theme “Visionary Women, Champions for Peace and Non-Violence.” CATS has confirmed they will film the lunch. Tickets went on sale January 2. The UkeTones were invited to play at the luncheon.

- **Women’s Leadership Development Event**

- The event is happening on March 30, 2019. Maqube reports. Keyandra and Dr. Murray are available and willing to speak. Dr. Murray will discuss findings about black girls’ concerns in the community, and Keyandra will discuss a program she has been working with at Fairview Elementary. Landry is looking into where gift baskets can be purchased.

- **Black Girls Discussion**

- Debby reports. No report other than having suggested the speakers for WLD at the last meeting.

- **Bias Reporting**

- No current items to discuss – will discuss as events emerge.

**4. Reports from Commissioners:**

- **Monroe County Women’s Commission Report (MCWC).**

- Jacqueline reports. MCWC did not have quorum in December, but they meet for general discussion. Legislative visit scheduled for later in January/February. They put together list of possible topics, and they plan to meet with 6-8 legislators. They are inviting members of the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women to join.

- **High School Liaison**

- Kai. Nothing new to report about the feminist club, except the leader sent a proposal to vice principal to be approved.

**5. New Business**

- Debby drafted a letter about paid family leave.
- Maqube announced that she is stepping down.

**6. Future planning**

- Ashley reports. She wants to keep the Commission focused on how we can fulfill the vision and mission of the commission, making sure march goes off without a hitch.
- Ashley got someone in contact with Monica for her women in STEM program she had mentioned last month
- Maqube will follow up with Rosa Parks birthday committee
- The Commission had a maternal mortality in IN discussion
- The Commission is looking for a volunteer recorder
- Commissioner action items: post a link to the award nominations. Link on [Bloomington.in.gov](http://Bloomington.in.gov)

**7. Public Input**

- Araceli mentions she recently watched a documentary that would be of interest to the Commission. She and Maqube are going to discuss a possible film screening.

**8. Adjournment: 6:41 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Savannah M. Wormley