

**The Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Thursday, May 2, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**  
**McCloskey Room, Suite #135**  
**City Hall**  
**401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

**Meeting minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Ashley Hazelrig, Savannah Wormley, Landry Culp, Nana Amoah-Ramey

**Commissioners Absent:** Jaqueline Fernetto, Debby Herbenick

**Staff Present:** Sue Owens

**County Commissioner:** Nichelle Whitney

**High School:** Kai Taylor

**Public Present:** Susan Catt, observer with the Monroe County League of Women Voters; Nichelle Whitney, Chair of Monroe County Women's Commission

**1. Call to Order**

- o The meeting was called to order by Landry at 5:45 pm

**2. Request for Additional Agenda Items**

- o Discussion on possible new (youth) award category for the Women's History Month Luncheon
- o Discussion regarding new Chair for Women's History Month Luncheon
- o Continued conversation about how to support women-owned businesses

**3. Approval of Minutes – March (no quorum in April)**

**4. Old Business**

o **WHM Lunch Follow-Up**

- Sue mentions that next year's date has been set for 3/25. The committee is searching for a new chair to lead the planning committee.

o **WLD Event Follow-up**

- Landry and Nana present. Nana will visit Bridgett DiVohl this week to discuss ways the Commission can continue supporting her business. She notes the Commission should support women-owned businesses- we should invite them to attend our meetings.

o **Paid Family Leave Letter**

- The Commission's response is being tabled to get clarifying information from Debby. We will revisit next month.

o **MCPL Women's Summit**

- The event will take place Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm; the Commission has not received any updates

o **Safe & Civil City Event – Black Girls Summit**

- Ashley reports there are no updates yet. She will follow up via email sometime early this month. The civic engagement portion of the event would be most in line with what we do. We could do an activity or find a speaker.

**5. Reports from Commissioners:**

o **Monroe County Women's Commission Report**

- Nichelle Whitney reports. She is the new chair and the Commission added 4 new commissioners. They are focusing on re-fortifying the relationships between their commission and the City of Bloomington Commission.
- Nichelle mentions that they are helping host a Girls Coding Week which features hands-on coding training for girls ages 11-14. She extended an invitation to join for lunch. She also

notes that Black Women's Equal Pay Day is August 22nd and that perhaps the Commissions could work together on an initiative.

**6. Leadership Scholarship Applications:**

- o Marcella Ettinger, Kimberly Cox and Claire Cumberland
- o Marcella- Ashley proposes we give half of registration fee. Ashley motions. Nana seconds. All in favor.
- o Kimberly Cox- we will reach out to her for more information. Table her application.
- o Claire Cumberland- Ashley motions we do not fund her request, seconded, motion passed.

**7. New Business**

- o Nana discusses the possible addition of a new award honoring younger women ages 11-15. Perhaps establish a subcommittee to explore this. Nana will chair this committee.
- o The Commission will revisit its mission statement and re-assess its purpose. Sue will send notes from the discussion with Michael Shermis from last year.
- o July meeting falls on July 4. Ashley recommends we move it to July 11.
- o Savannah will see if anyone would like to serve as the volunteer recorder.

**8. Public Input - None**

**9. Adjournment: 6:52 pm**