

Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, August 1, 2019, 5:30PM
Dunlap Room, Suite #235
City Hall
401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Ashley called to order the Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at 5:36PM on August 1, 2019 at City Hall, Dunlap Room.
- b. Ashley called for introductions of the commissioners and members of the public in attendance. City Employee in attendance: Sue Owens. Commissioners in attendance: Ashley, Nana, Nic, Shruti, Jenn, Debby, Landry. Members of the Public in attendance: Meghan Meyer and Amanda Sheridan

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

3. Approval of Minutes - July

- a. As of now, no July minutes to approve. Jacqueline and Savannah have resigned, however Jacqueline will remain active on the Women's History Month Lunch planning committee.
- b. Meghan Meyer was named Volunteer Recorder

4. Old Business

- a. WHM Lunch - March 25, 2020, Theme: "Valiant Women of the Vote" (Debby, Jenn)
 - i. Debby and Jenn will begin to meet monthly, beginning Sept 4th at noon.
 - ii. Shruti joined sub-committee
 - iii. Email speaker ideas (local or national) to Debby or Jenn; budget of \$1500
- b. WLD Event (Landry and Nana)
 - i. Will begin meeting regularly soon - meeting day will be decided via email, ASAP
 - ii. Ashley and Nic joined sub-committee; Meghan joined as community member
- c. MCPL Women's Summit - September 28th, 11:00AM - 5:00PM
 - i. Jenn will contact Erica Brown for an agenda and offer assistance with marketing (Facebook, newsletter, etc)
- d. Safe and Civil City Event - Black Girls Summit (Ashley)
 - i. Waiting for update from Shatoyia Moss on date

- ii. The event is interested in collaborating with the following commissions: Status of Women, Status of Children and Youth, Status of Black Males
- e. Paid Family Leave for City of Bloomington Employees
 - i. Feedback from Beverly on letter submitted by Commission
 - 1. Changes have been made and letter resubmitted to Beverly

5. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Monroe County Women's Commission Report
 - i. Coding Week for Girls very successful
 - ii. Looking to hire an intern
 - iii. "For the Good of the Cause"
 - 1. Positive share at commencement of each meeting to build culture
 - 2. Motion to add this to our agenda items was proposed and approved
 - iv. Collaborative Working Retreat between Monroe County and City of Bloomington Commissions on the Status of Women to occur Saturday, August 3rd, 10:00AM – 3:00PM, 940 E 7th St (on Campus)
 - 1. Topic: "Pay Equity Disparity of Women of Color in Monroe County"
 - 2. Ashley will forward email with details
 - 3. Ashley, Nic, Jenn will attend
 - 4. Debby offered new survey preparation assistance and help obtaining existing data from the City of Bloomington transparency website: "Be Clear Open Data"
- b. High School Liaison (Kai)
 - i. No report, Kai not in attendance

6. New Business

- a. Awards for young ladies (Nana, Ashley)
 - i. Sue discussed possibility of partnering with the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth "Swagger Award" – a young woman could be recognized at the WHM Lunch
 - ii. Other potential partnership awards: "Young Women of Tomorrow" through the Commission on the Status of Black Males, the Commission on Human Rights may also have a youth award.
 - iii. Partnering with other commissions would reduce the competition for entries, however, to Landry's point we ought to be intentional in our partnerships – do they align with our goals? Jenn brought up the concern of inclusiveness. Debby stated that our own award would ensure our goals are supported; however other young lady award winners may be recognized at the WHM Lunch.

- iv. Nana specified that a Status of Women award should acknowledge and inspire young women who benefit our cause. Target age group: Middle - High School (6th-12th grade)
- v. A motion was made to create our own award that specifically benefits (6th to 12th grade) girls and women in Bloomington. Name TBD. Motion approved.

7. Public Input

- a. Jenn: IU Women Rising has been offered and accepted funding through IU Career Development Center. Brandi Smith has been nominated by Jenn for Torch Bearers (Indiana Commission for Women).

8. Adjournment

- a. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 6:30PM