

Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 5:30PM
McCloskey Room, Suite #135
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 5:37PM on September 5, 2019 at City Hall, McCloskey Room.

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

- a. Jenn asked for the Torch Bearer Awards be added to Old Business (F).

3. For the Good of the Cause

4. Approval of August Minutes

- a. 3.a. Jacqueline's last meeting is November.
- b. 7.a. Brandi's name spelled incorrectly.

5. Old Business

- a. WHM Lunch – March 25, 2020; Theme: Valiant Women of the Vote”
 - i. Debby stated the subcommittee is working on a list of potential speakers (local, regional, and national) and have come up with around twelve. The subcommittee plans to narrow down the list during next month's meeting.
- b. WLD Event – March 28, 2020, 11:00AM-12:00PM; Theme: “TBD”
 - i. Landry described the subcommittee's meeting and while the them is TBD, women owned businesses will be central to the event. The raffle will have more winners, breakfast served by Underground Cupcakes, as guests arrive female jazz musicians will play, the 3 scholarship speakers will give a short presentation, brainstorming to determine keynote speaker.
 - ii. Please send names of women owned businesses to Landry.
 - iii. Ashley suggested an interactive activity take place.
- c. MCPL Women's Summit – September 28th, 2019, 11:00AM-5:00PM
 - i. Jenn reported MCPL has asked for marketing, as before. A presenter for the event took issue with flyer not as inclusive as it could be – trans women misrepresented.
 - ii. Sue forwarded the flyer on August 27th.
- d. Safe & Civil City Event – November 14, 2019, 8:30AM-2:00PM; Theme: “Celebrating Black Girl Magic”
 - i. Registration is free; held in Showers building.
 - ii. Focus on Latina and Black middle school and high school age girls.

- iii. Will feature workshops and breakout sessions – BCSW has been offered a session if we chose and inform the topic, presenter, needs, etc.
 - 1. Ideas include: Civil engagement, joining the commission, HS Liaison position, scholarships, and award.
- iv. Ashley proposed a subcommittee; Nana, Nic, and Ashley will form subcommittee.
- e. Paid Family Leave
 - i. Sue informed the commission that Beverly has signed off on the letter and the City Human Resources department will be looking into the PFL options.
- f. Torch Bearer Award
 - i. Jenn provided further information on her nominated award candidate, Brandi Smith. Award ceremony will be held at ICW in Indianapolis on September 25, 2019. BCSW will include this news in our newsletter and on Facebook.

6. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Monroe County Women’s Commission Report
 - i. Jacqueline not present; no meeting since event.
 - ii. Jenn, Nic, and Ashley attended the collaborative working retreat.
 - 1. Focus on team building/ice breaker exercises.
 - 2. Discussed the Quality of Place Report and focused on: affordable housing, low unemployment (Multiple jobs per person? Misleading?), precepted diversity.
- b. High School Liaison
 - i. Kai gave the commission on the clubs benefiting women at her school
 - 1. FAIRE – Feminism Activist Club; recruited about 40 students despite minor harassment.
 - 2. New Clubs: Human Dignity Project (body positivity), Women in Politics, Ladies of the Century (empowering young girls).
 - ii. Outside of school: North and South HS GSA had a joint booth at Bloomington Pride which was well attended.
- c. BCSW Youth Award
 - i. Nana provided a draft of the proposal for discussion.
 - ii. Ashley suggested an essay about a woman who has promoted/improved the status of women.
 - iii. Debby reminded the commission to focus on a girl who she, herself, has promoted/improved the status of girls/women in their community. Also, self-confidence concerns regarding self-nomination vs community nomination? Debby suggested some strong language encouraging self-nomination.
 - iv. Kai supported both self and community nominations and joined the youth award subcommittee.
 - v. Nic suggested the award proposal include trans inclusive language and have a teen-friendly entry form (digital).

- vi. Amanda reinforced the topic of the award need not be a famous woman, but could be a locally relevant woman to the young nominee.
- vii. Nana will present a modified draft at the next BCSW meeting.
- viii.

7. New Business

- a. Sponsorship Request – NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet
 - i. BCSW will purchase ¼ page ad as motion was approved.
- b. Harriett Tubman movie (November) – Landry brought the potential joint event with MCWC to the commission, which would include a post showing discussion/panel.
 - i. Debby suggested we use this to cross-promote other events as the movie premiers in November. Hold showing the weekend following Safe and Civil City Summit and cross-promote?

8. Public Input

- a. Nic plugged an event (For the Greater Good Women’s Summit) hosted by the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs to be held on October 4th & 5th. It will consist of career sessions and networking opportunities.
 - i. <https://www.myiou.org/events/details?id=ceeb8dd8-8c41-4279-b79d-ccf22dc7bd0f>

9. Adjournment

- a. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 6:46PM.