

Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020, 5:30PM
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Shruti Rana, Jennifer Sims, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Nicole Bennett, Landry Culp, Nana Amoah-Ramey

Guest: Rivkah Roby, Mary Hobson, Emily Ernsberger

Staff Liaison: Sue Owens

Volunteer Recorder: Meghan Meyer

1. Call to Order

- a. Landry called to order the Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at 5:36PM on December 3rd, 2020; the meeting was held via Zoom

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

- a. None

3. For the Good of the Cause

4. Approval of November minutes

- a. Jenn and Nana approved November minutes

5. Old Business

- a. 2021 WHM Lunch – March 24, 2021
 - i. Keynote speaker list was narrowed down, and the speaker will be selected on the December 14th committee group meeting
 - ii. Luncheon will target a theme along the lines of “refusing to be silent;” focusing on advocates of environmental, racial and social justice – where is the intersection in Bloomington and nationally
- b. 2021 WLD Event
 - i. Committee has not met yet; Landry will set up meeting
- c. Legislative Subcommittee
 - i. Committee has not met yet; scheduled to meet on December 11th
 - ii. Jenn and Debby have met to discuss moving forward on the legislation for the shackling of women
- d. Listening Session
 - i. Nana asked if we needed to put the listening sessions on hold until we have survey information and Jenn urged to move forward with the sessions as they may give us a better pulse on the needs of Black women in the community, Nana agreed as the sessions will shed light on legislation needs
 - ii. Jenn stated the need to clarify message and define the purpose of listening sessions by developing a communication strategy

- iii. Sue will send a doodle to set dates for listening sessions
- iv. Jenn suggested a range of times to accommodate all citizens
- v. Once other groups and communities are invited a date will be set

6. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
 - i. Nic reported from the last meeting: finished online coding camp, self-assessment survey (using results for their end of year report)
- b. High School Liaison
 - i. Mary Hobson introduced herself
 - 1. Senior at Bloomington North High School
 - 2. Started "Dignity Project" - a nonprofit to provide sanitary products for women in need

7. New Business

- a. Ashley was to start a google doc; Sue will follow up with her

8. Public Input

- a. Rivkah Roby (member of the council for community accessibility) asked if being a commissioner was required to be on task force as she has a passion for/is involved in jail advocacy and mental health. She would like to join the task force and Jenn said she would be in touch with her

9. Adjournment

- a. Landry adjourned the meeting at 6:11PM

Minutes submitted by Meghan Meyer