

CALVERT COUNTY
Maryland
Commission for Women

MINUTES

Calvert County Commission for Women Monthly Meeting

March 17, 2022

Via ZOOM at 7:00 pm

The meeting called to order at 7:12 by Vice Chair Ariane.Odom, who was serving as Chair for this meeting.

Members Present (via Zoom): Joan Winship, Ariane Odom, Anna Grabowska, Margaret Dunkle, Brenda Street, Denyonne Corley, Lisa Stallings

Absent: Kathryn Marsh, Sierra Mitchell, Carol Harvat

Associates Present: Susan Haynes Associates absent: Nadine Hunt, Diane Bell

Approval of Agenda by consensus.

Treasurer's reports – Current financials were unavailable for this meeting. M. Dunkle still hasn't received check for expenses from the Strategic Planning meeting. Winship will follow up.

Approval of February meeting Minutes –No minutes to approve.

Chair's Report: Chair Winship advised the CCCW has received notice that county employees cannot be on boards or commissions. Thus, Vice Chair Odom needs to resign from the CCCW as of this evening. It was noted that A. Odom was cleared two years ago by the CC Ethics Commission to continue serve on the CCCW and to continue to serve as Vice Chair. She received confirmation that there was no conflict of interest. However, a recent review of this by the County changed this decision, which has affected Odom and two other current County employees. Chair Winship commended Odom's ten years of service on the Commission for Women, her leadership on such programs as the Clothes Closet and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness months, among others. All members of the Commission saluted A. Odom for all of the hard-work and time she has given to the Commission and noted how much she will be missed.

Chair Winship will follow up to get written clarification concerning the categories of employees of different levels of government and their eligibility to serve on the Commission prior to further consideration of new members.

Women of the World (WOW) – Winship reported that M. Dunkle gave a wonderful keynote about Title IX. There is a WOW committee meeting next week to debrief. Chair Winship spoke with Robin Truslow from the Library and was advised that the participation rate was consistent with last year's levels and there were approximately 176 participants. The library is enthusiastic about WOW and seeks to become a partner next year. Chair Winship asked members to complete the evaluations and advised that she was looking for CCCW members to step up to provide leadership for next year

[Winship then retired from the meeting.]

Legislative Action – N/A

Clothes Closet – A. Odom advised that there are two open houses a year and we are scheduling for June. C. Harvat, N. Bell and B. Streat offered assistance. If there are any others available to help, please notify Chair Winship or call A. Odom at her office.

Human Trafficking – N/A

Domestic Violence - N/A

Financial Literacy –B. Streat reported that the zoom program in partnership with the Library went quite well. It is unknown the exact number of participants but was approximately 15-20. The link is on our FB page and the library has the link on their page. A follow up Financial Literacy program will be held in the fall.

Sexual Assault Awareness – will be highlighted by a April 7th book discussion with the Calvert Library. More details will be sent out. Winship and Marsh are coordinating. A ‘Take Back the Night’ event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 12-2pm at King Memorial Park in Prince Frederick. A. Odom will coordinate with K. Marsh. Partners include the Calvert Family Network and the Center for Change.

Health Expo –S. Haynes, D. Bell, J. Winship are coordinating the event along with representatives of CalvertHealth and the CC Health Department. The event is on May 10th at the Calvert Hospital, outside from 2:30-6:30pm. This will coincide with the weekly Farmer’s Market held at the hospital at the same time. Rain Date is the following week, May 17th. Banners have been received and the flyer is being created. Susan requires assistance to distribute the flyers as well as help is needed from members to assist with registration during the event.

Social Media – It was noted that all commissions and boards must now work through the County IT/Communications department. We have not been able to post directly for a year. This will also affect various notifications and public announcements that go through the County.

Harriet Elizabeth Brown Center: N/A

Potential CCCW Brochure: N/A

Ongoing Recognition of the contributions and achievements of girls and women N/A

Other: Project: The Commission is partnering with the Library on “Six Triple Eight”, a documentary of the Battalion of African American Women sent to Europe to clear the back log of mail during World War II.. It is the story of forgotten African American Women. This will be an online showing on March 30, 2022.

Minutes submitted by D. Corley, Acting Secretary