



Calvert County  
**Commission for Women**

Create Opportunities  
Eliminating Barriers  
Giving Recognition



**Calvert County Commission for Women  
Monthly Meeting via ZOOM  
MINUTES  
March 18, 2021  
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair J. Winship

Attendance:

Commissioners: Chair Joan Winship, Vice Chair Ariane Odom, Secretary Carol Harvat, Margaret Dunkle, Brenda Streat, Anna Grabowska

Associates: Nadine Hunt, Crystal Jordan, Diane Bell

Absent: S. Hayes, Kathryn Marsh, Gloria Della, Lisa Stallings

Observers included: Sonya Butler, Sierra Mitchell, Deyonne Corley

Approval of Agenda was unanimous.

Approval of Feb. minutes: Grabowska moved to approve the February minutes; Odom seconded the motion. All approved.

Chair's Report: Winship: During the pandemic year, programming has changed dramatically so we have not incurred expenses as we normally do. We have partnered with organizations for programs and introduced some others virtually.

Dunkle: reported that the Governor has appointed to two new members of the Maryland Commission for Women. Winship had been nominated by the CCCW as well as the Board of County Commissioners, but she was not one of the two appointed. Dunkle hoped that Winship's nominations would be kept alive for future consideration.

Treasurer's Report: Winship reported that there were no new expenses this month, those some expenses from the Red Sand Project still need to be reimbursed.

Current and immediate upcoming programs:

Legislative issues: Winship reported that she had written in support of MLAW priorities as instructed by the CCCW at our last meeting.

WOW: Winship gave an update for Women of the World Program. The Calvert Library is co-sponsoring and offering technology; registration and participation is free, but people need to register with the Library and they will receive the ZOOM link for participation. The program starts at 10 a.m., we will have a full program until 11:30. Five WOW Outstanding Achievement awardees were selected last spring by the Commission for Women, plus the CCCW is giving a Special Award for Leadership to former County Administrator Terry Shannon. Six partner organizations have awardees also. This year

WOW will be a hybrid of some parts live and some parts pre-recorded. Some parts will be live; presentations virtually prerecorded. The Theme is 'Women Breaking Barriers'. Harvat reviewed info for presenters' recording award speeches.

Sexual Assault Awareness: Currently the CCCW does not have partnerships or assistance that we normally have for an event, so we need to determine if we want to take it on ourselves or come up with a different initiative. Odom said she liked the Red Sands Project and other things that have been done this year in lieu of the annual event. Grabowska: would like to recognize SAA some way in April Odom: We could do the "Take Back the Night", but we have not done it virtually on our own; Odom would like to have FB posts about sexual assault awareness at the very least. Jordan: will do posts once a week, say, "Friday facts" about sexual assault awareness

Clothes Closet: Odom: St. Paul's church will open doors this Sunday, but the Closet has not been prepared. Sshe expects that the opening will be soon and would like to have a team to be ready to help for a few hours to organize and assist shoppers. Dunkle: Connect with school resource officers and see if seniors need clothes from Clothes Closet for jobs, Odom thinks the styles are more appropriate for older people, she would like to offer student service hours for helping.

Winship: After WOW we will pick up meetings with Safe Harbor board to see how the Commission may be of assistance. She checked with Safe Harbor to check on their needs since the drive in December. At this time they were in need of pantry and staple items. The Commission will continue to check with Safe Harbor.

HEB campaign Dunkle reported that 25 organizations and 100 individuals have signed on for support to create a full size community center and park; the BOCC is listening and has agreed to designate funds for design in the upcoming budget. Dunkle encouraged everyone to take the Parks and Rec survey; it will be linked to the CCCW Facebook page. Dunkle proposed an idea of producing HEB support buttons sponsored by the CCCW.

Health Fair: Winship: expectation is that the fair will not happen due to COVID. S.Haynes and D. Bell are encouraged to explore options, including virtual ones.

Media Relations Hunt: if anyone has anything to share for a post will gladly accept it. Jordan and Marsh have been posting regularly too

New ideas: Winship encouraged all to think about how can we do events virtual ; "Is there a need that is not being met?" What roles can CCCW play?

Strategic Planning possible programs: keep in mind other ideas for upcoming planning

Public Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

CCCW went into Executive Session to consider an application for new member.

March minutes taken by Secretary Carol Harvat