

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MONDAY – MARCH 10, 2014
ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were Kyle Bishop – Chair, Elizabeth Servello – Vice Chair, Norma Pipkin, Mary Ludwig, Marta Kelsey, Stephanie Figeroux, Elisa Height, Makeba Atkins, Karen Ann Talbott, and Katie Werner – Secretary. Terry Hall was excused. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris – Director and Amber Norris – Office Manager and Recording Secretary.

OTHER ATTENDEES – Patricia Nelson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the February 10, 2014 minutes was made by Ms. Kelsey and seconded by Ms. Ludwig, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$176.01
Printing	\$200.00	\$200.00
Supplies & Materials	\$400.00	\$280.00
Food	\$300.00	\$15.00
Other Contract Services	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Copier Services	\$200.00	\$200.00
Conferences & Conventions	\$450.00	\$450.00
Awards	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total	\$4500.00	\$4071.01

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- Banquet Planning Update – The commission finalized last minute banquet planning. Ms. Servello and Ms. Pipkin will pick-up the vases for the tables. Ms. Bishop has ordered the awards for the recipients. Ms. Norris will order pins for the new commission members. Ms. Werner will purchase the gift for the guest speaker. Ms. Pipkin expressed concern about the lack of publicity for the event.
- Women's Wellness Day was held on February 22, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church in Mechanicsville, Maryland. Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Pipkin, and Ms. Servello attended the event; Ms. Kelsey stated the event went very well.
- Facebook Page – Ms. Werner stated the facebook page is ready for the commission; it will go live prior to the banquet.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- Family Violence Coordinating Council – The next FVCC meeting will be held March 26, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in room 14, Ms. Talbott or Ms. Servello will attend.

- Ms. Werner shared information from the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Commission is seeking research and volunteer assistance related to commemorating the events that occurred in Maryland connected to women’s suffrage and the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, inventorying sites in Maryland that are significant to the suffrage movement, and developing a strategy to encourage tourism related to the commemoration. For further information, contact Commissioner Emily Oland Squires at (410) 260-6443 or emily.squires@maryland.gov. The Commission for Women will discuss at a future meeting.

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- The College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre will have a showing of “But I Said No” by Doug Grissom and Margaret Baldwin on March 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leonardtown Campus. This is an educational theatre piece on acquaintance rape. For more information visit <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/CauseTheatre.html>.
- The Women’s History Month Banquet will be held on March 20, 2014 at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. A subcommittee met on March 3, 2014 to discuss banquet planning.
- Walden Sierra and St. Mary’s College are hosting the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® The international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault & gender violence is a project of Venture Humanity, Inc. a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Men literally walk one mile in women's high heeled shoes to protest sexualized violence, educate their communities and raise money for chronically underfunded rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters and other sexualized violence prevention and recovery services. The event will take place on April 6, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., this is a rain or shine event taking place at the St Mary's College of MD Track: 18952 E. Fisher Rd. in St. Mary’s City, Maryland.

NEXT MEETING – April 14, 2014 in room 14 of the Potomac Building at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. Servello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. and Ms. Talbott seconded, the motion passed.