

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: January 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin, Chair, Jennifer Brown, Marta Kelsey, Mary Ludwig, Juanita Nether, Rose Frederick, Catherine Stewart, and Debra Kane.

ABSENT Joanna Colvin, Taylor Davis, Erin Walker, and Katie Werner.

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the November 19, 2018 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Mary Ludwig

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to purchase a 3rd iPad with CFW funds or through donations not to exceed \$300.

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Juanita Nether

For: All

Against: None

Item # 3

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

By: Juanita Nether

Second: Rose Frederick

For: All

Against: None

Notes from the St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting

January 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm. Members present were: Norma Pipkin, Marta Kelsey, Rose Frederick, Mary Ludwig, Catherine Stewart, Juanita Nether, and Jennifer Brown. Debra Kane was also present. Debra provided all documents for the meeting. Katie could not attend the meeting and Norma asked for someone to take notes, Catherine volunteered.

Minutes from November Meeting-Motion presented by ____ to accept as stated, second by, approved by all. The December Holiday Celebration was not considered as a Meeting therefore no motion to accept was needed

Budget Review-Debra-Money Spent \$60 (\$30-Dating Violence, \$30 New member name tags)
Budget handout-question/define Building portion of the budget-Norma raised the question, Debra will let her know what that section/line item is used for Mary provided Debra with receipts from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Ice Cream Social

Banquet-Marta: Food heard nothing, same menu from two years ago. Took care of a lot banquet issues last Monday, plans are in good shapes. We have the logo, which includes a dove. We have a lot of doves that can be used, Marta will email Erin.

Press Releases-Judge Abrams press release was published in the Enterprise and the County Times newspapers. Still looking for the press release on C.J. James, will check with Cynthia

Looking for nominees for the Women of the Year

Juanita contacted four high school, Chopticon, Great Mills, Leonardtown and Kings Christian Academy All schools said that they will find a nominee. Marta send an email to Ryken yesterday (Monday, January 14). There was a mail issue and the cards just arrived in the school mail. Juanita emailed the principals, and a staff person at Kings Christian. Norma left banquet cards that the Dating Violence Committee meeting.

Norma-Judges- Karen Wathen Elder. Rose suggested Susie Fowler for a judge and indicated she would contact her. Juanita has three judges in mind.

Norma-In reference to nominations, all speak to people, talk it up for more nominees. Interest from the Dream Queens, they had a question about a restrictions of the number of nominees, answered by Norma, no restrictions on the number.

Norma-Everyone work on three nominees!!!

Scholarships-Cynthia, Norma and Marta met with Chelsea Brown at the college. Over the \$15,000 mark, \$17,200 moving ahead getting it endowed, need an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), members are not allowed to sign the MOU, college and county government will be working on it,. Endowment does not generate for 18 months, but currently we give out \$2,000 per year (two \$500 scholarships for two semesters). The endowment will allow for the scholarship to continue in the event we do not host a banquet. Chelsea Brown suggested we make an announcement at the Banquet.

Dating Violence-Meeting, but Mr. Wyatt was not in attendance, Kristie Boyles facilitated the meeting. The first Dating violence presentation will be on February 12 at Chopticon. One Love will conduct a morning presentation, afternoon training from 1-3 pm, then train the trainer will occur so that they can

conduct Dating Violence at the other high schools. We have one iPad, hoping to get two more, so that we can have one at each school. The cost is approximately \$300. Last year SMECO donated one... Motion made by Marta to purchase an iPad with funds at a cost, not to exceed \$300, motion seconded by Juanita, motion carried by all, Norma will purchase an iPad only if she is unable to acquire donations from other sources. Recently Norma was informed that One Love Group Presenters will train the trainer for adults and the group would be expected to do the training at the other two high schools on February 13 and 14th... No follow up meeting, was scheduled. Those present at the last Dating Violence meeting were. Norma, Taylor, Cynthia, Lori Werrell-from hospital, Safety Director, Mental Health Specialist Larrisa from Walden

Family Violence coordinating Council will meet on January 23, 2019 at 5pm. This group meets quarterly. Taylor has been nominated to chair the group and Mary is the representative from Commission for Women. Taylor Spencer Davis is employed by Southern Maryland Family Advocacy Center and is a service provider.

New Business

Annual Report-Norma working on it

Women's Wellness Fair-Location changed, it will be held at the Tech Center-February 23, arrival/set up time is 7:30 am, ends at 2:30, we must stay until 1:00 pm. Major topic will be shared later by Juanita. The following members volunteered to work at table at the event. Two shifts, Marta and Rose will work from 7:30-10:30, Norma and Catherine will man the table from 10:30 to 1:30 or 2:00 pm. Other members are encouraged to participate but will need to register for this free event. Norma will register all the volunteers coming.

There was a photo posted on Facebook by the Department of Aging and Human Services showing the gifts that were purchased by our members as gifts for the Guardianship Program.

Volunteer Recognition-January 29, Norma, Mary, Marta, and Rose plan to attend.

Next Banquet Committee Meeting-February 4, 2019

CFW Meeting-February 11, 2019

Banquet-March 14, 2019

Motion to Adjourn made by Juanita, seconded by Rose. The motion carried.