



ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin, Chair, Erin Walker, Vice Chair, Katie Werner, Secretary, Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Mary Ludwig, Juanita Nether, Rose Frederick, Catherine Stewart, Taylor Spencer-Davis, Buffy Giddens, Cynthia Brown, Division Manager, and Debra Kane.

ABSENT Marta Kelsey.

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the January 15, 2019 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Juanita Nether

Second: Mary Ludwig

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to purchase three books on Women's Right's for Green Holly Elementary School for the presentation on March 8th, 2019 not to exceed \$50.00.

By: Erin Walker

Second: Mary Ludwig

For: All

Against: None

Item # 3

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

By: Norma Pipkin

Second: Katie Werner

For: All

Against: None

Notes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Meeting
February 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present were: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Rose Frederick, Mary Ludwig, Juanita Nether, Taylor Spencer-Davis and Catherine Stewart. Cynthia Brown, Buffy Giddens and Debra Kane were also in attendance. Marta Kelsey was absent due to illness.

Minutes and Notes - Juanita Nether moved and Mary Ludwig seconded that the Minutes/Notes from our January 14, 2019, meeting be approved as submitted. All voted in favor of the motion.

Budget - Mary Ludwig has been reimbursed from another line item. Cynthia Brown will also pay for the printing of new shoe cards.

Banquet - The judges are ready to go. There are currently 8 Woman of the Year nominees and 13 Woman of Tomorrow nominees, some of the information is missing from the Woman of Tomorrow nominees. The venue can accommodate 240 people. Admiral Jaynes has a slide show as part of her presentation; it is in power point.

Scholarship - Cynthia will update at the end of the week. We are at the point where the scholarship can be endowed. The College of Southern Maryland requires a Memorandum of Understanding; since we are a representative of the County, we cannot enter into the MOU - it must be between the County and CSM. It is currently in review with the County Attorney.

Dating Violence/Dating Violence Prevention Proclamation - The proclamation was on February 5th (last Tuesday). Mr. Wyant (Board of Education), Taylor Spencer-Davis (CFW and Family Violence Coordinating Council), Laura Joyce (St. Mary's Hospital), Larissa Chobany (Walden), Rose Frederick, Juanita Nether, Mary Ludwig and Norma Pipkin were in attendance.

Presentations at Schools - "One Love" presentation - Chopticon is tomorrow, February 12th; Great Mills (February 13th) has been postponed) and Leonardtown is February 14th. Norma has an iPad for each of the schools donated by the Optimists.

Family Violence Coordinating Council - Taylor is the new Chair; Reverend Crabtree is the Vice-Chair. Buffy Giddens is no longer on the FVCC; Gina Fioravanti has taken her spot. Deputy Harris has withdrawn; Elizabeth O'Connor (Commissioner O'Connor's wife) is now a member. The next meeting should be a fatality review on April 17th. Rose Frederick will serve as a back-up for Mary Ludwig.

Annual Report - The Annual Report has been submitted to the County Commissioners.

New Business:

We received a thank you note from Lori Jennings-Harris and Rebecca Kessler for the Christmas gifts we provided for people under public guardianship.

Moms Demand Action – Rose Frederick will be going to Annapolis on gun day. February 25th – Ghost Gun; February 27th – long gun (shot gun) – background checks

Elementary Presentation – We have been invited to visit the 4th Graders at Green Holly Elementary to discuss the history of women’s rights. Erin Walker and Jennifer Brown will be going on March 8th. Erin Walker moved and Mary Ludwig seconded that we purchase three books to present to Green Holly Elementary School on March 8, for no more than \$50.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

Upcoming Events:

February 23, 2019 – Women’s Wellness Day (Hospital Atrium). Marta Kelsey and Rose Frederick will be there in the morning for set-up; Catherine Stewart and Norma Pipkin will take the second shift and close.

March 4, 2019 – Possible Banquet Committee Meeting

March 14 2019 – Woman of the Year Banquet

March 18, 2019 – Commission for Women Meeting

April 15, 2019 – Commission for Women Meeting

May 20, 2019 – Commission for Women Meeting

June 17, 2019 – Commission for Women Meeting

Katie Werner moved and Erin Walker seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR NEXT MEETING (Tentative) IS March 4, 2019
5:30 P.M., ROOM 14 (BANQUET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING)
OUR BANQUET IS March 14, 2019
SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER
OUR NEXT MEETING IS March 18, 2019
5:30 P.M., ROOM 14 (REGULAR MEETING)**

SEE YOU THEN ☺