

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: March 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin, Chair, Erin Walker, Vice Chair, Katie Werner, Secretary, Marta Kelsey, Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Mary Ludwig, Rose Frederick, Catherine Stewart, Taylor Spencer-Davis, and Debra Kane.

ABSENT Juanita Nether

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the February 11, 2019 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Mary Ludwig

Second: Joanna Colvin

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Katie Werner

For: All

Against: None

Notes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Meeting
March 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. Members present were: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Rose Frederick, Marta Kelsey, Mary Ludwig, Taylor Spencer-Davis and Catherine Stewart. Cynthia Brown and Debra Kane were also in attendance. Juanita Nether was absent.

Minutes and Notes - Mary Ludwig moved and Joanna Colvin seconded that the Minutes/Notes from the February 11, 2019 meeting be approved as submitted. All voted in favor of the motion. There were no comments or changes to the notes from the February 11, 2019 meeting or from the March 4, 2019 Banquet Committee meeting.

Budget - No changes. No figures on the Banquet yet, but the rough estimate for profit is \$4,000.00. There was \$319.00 in the tip jar and these funds were given to College of Southern Maryland for the scholarship. By the April 15, 2019 meeting we should have the final numbers.

Banquet - Everyone was in consensus that the event was a great event. Next meeting we can discuss things we can change or address. It was suggested that everyone with suggestions prepare an after-action report and send it to Marta. If you have receipts for reimbursement, please get them to Deb Kane as soon as possible so they can be processed (although there probably aren't any more to be submitted).

Scholarship - The Memorandum of Understanding for the scholarship was signed at the Banquet.

Dating Violence/Presentation at Schools - Rose Frederick was at both presentations. There was a big difference between those at Leonardtown High School and Chopticon High School (there was no presentation at Great Mills High School). The students at Chopticon paid more attention; the Leonardtown students seemed to feel like they didn't need it. The presentation at Chopticon wasn't good; it was presented by a One Love Representative and the slides were of a bad quality and seemed to be out-of-date. Training wasn't training. The following day, the presentation at Leonardtown was done by a Mental Health Specialist who took the presentation and revamped it for Leonardtown and it was much better. Melissa Willey is still grieving and it was too much, she was not emotionally ready. The presentation still needs a great deal of work. It was described as a half-baked cake not appropriate for an assembly as it was written for the classroom. This was for 9th and 10th grade students; there is supposed to be a presentation for 11th and 12th grade students at all three schools pre-prom.

Family Violence Coordinating Council - April 24, 2019 is the next meeting and they will probably be doing a fatality review.

Old Business:

Women's Wellness February 23, 2019 - Catherine Stewart indicated that the event went very well; the space was small but organized. Rose Frederick, Catherine Stewart and Norma Pipkin all won

door prizes. During the morning session we ran out of everything. Norma commented that the location was better than Chancellor's Run.

Elementary School Presentation - Presentation was to 4th grade students at Green Holly Elementary School by Erin Walker and Jennifer Brown. Both sessions went well and the kids were great and shared good stories about women in their lives that impacted them.

Congressman Hoyer's Roundtable - Congressman Hoyer was engaged and questioned about what was needed. The Violence Against Women Act was refunded. If there are legislative priorities we can bring to his staff, he is open to idea but wants specifics. Rose suggested that perhaps a regional Commission for Women meeting would be helpful.

New Business:

Head-Start Wellness Day - there was no interest in participating in this event.

Check Presentation to College of Southern Maryland (Scholarship) - Will coordinate a date with Cynthia Brown.

Committee for 2020 Goals - Rose Frederick volunteered to bring a list of items that will promote our goals for 2020. Deb Kane will send out a list of approved vendors. We will need to vote on this at our April meeting.

Committee for 100th Anniversary of Suffrage - August 26, 2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in the United States. Norma Pipkin would like to have events to mark this anniversary (more than a proclamation). Rose Frederick, Mary Ludwig, Joanna Colvin (limited time) and Katie Werner (liaison with the St. Mary's County League of Women Voters) are on the Committee.

Banquet Recommendations - before adjourning there was a brief discussion about the Banquet. Suggestions included building an alumni network from the Banquet. Bring anything else to the April meeting.

Upcoming Events:

April 2, 2019 - Equality Day Proclamation (wear red). (Goal date.)

April 15, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting

May 20, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting

June 17, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting

Marta Kelsey moved and Katie Werner seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

OUR NEXT MEETING IS April 15, 2019
5:30 P.M., ROOM 14 (REGULAR MEETING)

SEE YOU THEN ☺