



ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: July 14, 2018 at 9:00 am in Avenue, MD Annual Retreat

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary)
Marta Kelsey, Jennifer Brown, Beth Knisley, Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher,
Mary Ludwig, and Debra Kane, Liaison

ABSENT: Brenda Scheufele, Juanita Nether and Guest Speaker, Jill Short were unable to
attend.

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the June 18, 2018 meeting minutes and notes
(notes provided by CFW Secretary). After review, a correction that both Diane
Danaher and Marta Kelsey were in attendance and a motion was to approve an
amended copy.

By: Beth Knisley

Second: Marta Kelsey

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A vote was taken on nominations for the election of the 2019 board members.
Nominated is as follows: Chair-Norman Pipkin, Vice Chair- Erin Walker,
Secretary-Katie Werner

By: Mary Ludwig

Second: Beth Knisley

For: All

Against: None

Item # 3

Motion: To continue our meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month with exceptions for
holidays.

By: Beth Knisley

Second: Diane Danaher

For: All

Against: None

Item # 4

Motion: That we forego the County Fair September 20th-23rd 2018.
By: Mary Ludwig
Second: Joanna Colvin
For: All
Against: None

Item # 5

Motion: That the December meeting be held on the 10th at a location to be determined.
By: Jen Brown
Second: Mary Ludwig
For: All
Against: None

Item # 6

Motion: That we once again do gifts for persons under the Public Guardianship.
By: Joanna Colvin
Second: Mary Ludwig
For: All
Against: None

Item # 7

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm without a motion.
By: _____
Second: _____
For: All
Against: None

Notes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
July 14, 2018 - ANNUAL RETREAT

Norma Pipkin called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Members present were: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Jen Brown, Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley and Mary Ludwig. Also present was Debra Kane. Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Juanita Nether and Brenda Scheufele were unable to attend the meeting. Our Guest Speaker, Jill Short, was also unable to attend.

Election of Officers - Diane Danaher presented the slate of offices for consideration. The slate presented is as follows: Chair - Norma Pipkin, Vice-Chair - Erin Walker, Secretary - Katie Werner. Norma Pipkin called for additional nominations from the floor. None being made, Mary Ludwig moved and Beth Knisley seconded that the slated of officers be elected as presented. All voted in favor of the motion. Congratulations to all!

Recap (Programs and Activities)

July - Retreat. Identify teen to attend meetings; Norma Pipkin did speak with Kelsey Bush about this.

August - Equality Day Proclamation. Mary Ludwig and Marta Kelsey attended Congressman Hoyer's reception. Social at Norma Pipkin's house.

September - Dream Queens & Gals Lead. County Fair. Listening Tour.

October - Domestic Violence Proclamation. Oyster Fest. Scholarship Receptions. Joanna Colvin worked on the Hall of Fame Nomination; no response.

November - Meeting with Commission Hewitt about Listening Tour. Veteran's Day at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home.

December - Gifts for those under Public Guardianship; social meeting.

January - Volunteer Recognition.

February - Women's Wellness Day. Visit Family Justice Center. School Safety Meetings.

March - Jen Brown & Erin Walker spoke at Green Holly School. BANQUET. Dating Violence programs scheduled.

April - Pay Equity Proclamation. Donation of books to public library.

May - Scholarship Check presented. Guest speaker: Kalyn Guerrero, St. Mary's County, MD chapter leader of the National Cervical Cancer Coalition.

June - Dating Violence presentations at the public high schools and a public presentation. Wear Orange - gun safety. Guest speaker: Jamie Kane, a student of social work at Salisbury State University (Southern Maryland Higher Ed Center).

Also: 1 Retreat, 11 Regular Meetings, Banquet Committee Meetings, Dating Violence Prevention Planning Meetings and Family Violence Coordinating Council Meetings.

Taylor Spencer - Woman of Tomorrow 2010 - volunteering with Walden and working on the Dating Violence Prevention Planning.

Jen Brown - Everyone helping with the Banquet, it was still highly stressful but the hard work paid off. It was helpful to have planning meetings.

2018-2019 Planning

Our Budget is \$2,000.00.

Katie Werner suggesting preparing postcards - "Save the Date" - for the banquet to be handed out at events we attend.

Concerns -

- Press Releases
- County Fair
- Veteran's Day - how to approach?
- Banquet - who chair? Jen Brown?
- Listening Tour Follow-Up

August - Board of Education Meetings; dating violence scheduled for August 15th - Norma Pipkin and Marta Kelsey will attend. August 18th - State Listening Tour Recap. Sandie Greene is interested in attending if someone else is going. August 25th - Community Event at Great Mills High School. Women's Right to Vote Proclamation - hoping to schedule for August 28th. August is also the Beach Party on the Square. We determined that it was too late to try to attend this year but it is something to look at for 2019. Congressman Hoyer reception August 21st (RSVP by August 16th). Social instead of meeting?

Meeting Day - Do we want to change our meetings to the 2nd Monday of the Month? Our By-Laws indicate that we are to designate meeting days at our annual meeting. The consensus was to leave the meeting days as they currently are. Beth Knisley moved and Diane Danaher seconded that our meetings continue to be on the 3rd Monday of the Month with exceptions as necessary for holidays. All voted in favor of the motion.

September - Jaxton O'Mara possible guest speaker - Great Mills High School Student with Students Demand Action. County Fair is September 20th through the 23rd - Do we want to do? After discussion it was determined that we would forego the County Fair this year as it was a lot of work and we did not get much out of it. September 5th - try to have Lifetime Achievement recipient identified. Mary Ludwig moved and Joanna Colvin seconded that we not attend the County Fair this year, all voted in favor of the motion.

October - Oyster Festival (20th and 21st); table at event? Students Demand Action Town Hall? League of Women Voters of St. Mary's County candidate forums will be October

2nd and 16th from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Lexington Park Library. Domestic Violence Proclamation. Goal to have a presentation with Commissioner Hewitt as a follow-up to the Listening Tour - need statistics and community input to move forward. Norma Pipkin will meet with Cynthia Brown and set a plan; presentation - what to include.

LUNCH BREAK (YUM)

Minutes and Notes - The minutes and notes from the June 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that both Diane Danaher and Marta Kelsey were in attendance at the meeting. Beth Knisley moved and Marta Kelsey seconded to approve as amended; all voted in favor of the motion.

2018-2019 Planning - Continued

September - Listening Tour - time in September to develop. Mary Ludwig, Marta Kelsey, Jen Brown and Norma Pipkin will meet on September 5th at 6:00 in the Meeting Room.

October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month - at proclamation we should give the County Commissioners a brief update of what we're doing. Oyster Festival is October 20th and 21st.

November - Veteran's Day is November 11th, a Sunday - have a reception for the women? Arrange something separate from the programs arranged by the Veteran's Home. Mary Ludwig and Beth Knisley will work on this.

December - Jen Brown moved and Mary Ludwig seconded that our December meeting be held on December 10th at a location to be determined, all voted in favor of the motion. Mary Ludwig will chair the holiday social. Suggestions for possible locations - Olde Towne Pub, Pax River Ale House. Joanna Colvin moved and Mary Ludwig seconded that we do gifts for persons under Public Guardianship again this year; all voted in favor of the motion.

January - Banquet planning push.

February - National Teen Dating Violence Presentation in schools - "Don't You Love Me?" September - presentation to all Middle Schools - respect and dating violence discussions - the Cause Theater has grant money that needs to be spent by the end of September. "Don't You Love Me?" was first presented in 2001. Women's Wellness Day (Delacadios) - table at event.

March - BANQUET. Green Holly School.

April - Equal Pay Equality Proclamation. Marta Kelsey suggested a public event.

May -

June - Wear Orange Day

July - Retreat

In November - Veteran's Day will cost money.

Consider having door prizes for events.

February or March - Green Holly School.

CHAIRS

Banquet

Jen Brown can help but is committed to Leadership Southern Maryland and will not be able to Chair the event (Congratulations!). The biggest challenge is sponsorships. Woman of the Year. Woman of Tomorrow. Lifetime Achievement - Jane Sypher was suggested. We should have a decision by September 5th. Decorations. Logistics - site, caterer. Date - primary choice is March 14th, second choice is the 21st. Marta Kelsey will contact the Higher Ed Center. Joanna Colvin & Jen Brown will work to prepare the program. Joanna Colvin will prepare the slide show. Mary Ludwig will contact a Girl Scout troop to see if they will lead the Pledge. Katie Werner will work on sponsorships. Still need a chair or co-chairs for the event.

Upcoming Events:

August 15, 2018 - Norma Pipkin and Marta Kelsey to attend Board of Education Meeting.

August 16th - Last Day to RSVP for Congressman Hoyer's Luncheon.

August 18th - Listening Tour Recap (Statewide Results).

August 20th - Meeting.

August 21st - Congressman Hoyer's Luncheon.

August 25th - Community Event at Great Mills High School.

August 28th - Women's Right to Vote Proclamation.

September ? - Students Demand Action Town Hall.

September 5th - Identify Lifetime Achievement Recipient by this date.

September 5th - Norma Pipkin, Marta Kelsey and Mary Ludwig to meet regarding Listening Tour Follow-Up.

September 17th - Meeting.

October 2nd - League of Women Voter's Candidate Forum.

October 16th - League of Women Voter's Candidate Forum.

October 17th - Meeting.

October 20th & 21st - Oyster Festival.

November 11th - Veteran's Day.

November 19th - Meeting

December 10th - Holiday Social/Meeting.

The meeting adjourned (did not record the time or if there was a motion) and door prizes were handed out.

A special thanks to Juanita Nether and Beth Knisley for planning the Retreat and to Beth for hosting the retreat at her home.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS August 20, 2018
5:30 P.M., POTOMAC BUILDING, ROOM 14**

SEE YOU THEN ☺