



ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: October 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Potomac Bldg Human Services
Conference Room.

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (co-chair), Katie Werner (Secretary),
Marta Kelsey, Joanna Colvin, Mary Ludwig, Jennifer Brown, Diane Danaher and
Sandie Greene filled in as staff support.

ABSENT: Jean-Marie Hansen submitted a letter of resignation.

GUEST

SPEAKERS: Wynne Briscoe, Ellen Servetnick, and Marla Ballard

Guest Speakers from the Dream Team Foundation presented a short presentation on the purpose of the Dream Team and the work they were currently doing in St. Mary's County Public Schools.

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the September 18, 2017 meeting
minutes and the notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Mary Ludwig

Second: Marta Kelsey

For: All

Against: None

2. Item # 2

Motion: The Commission for Women will write a letter in support of the Family
Violence Coordinating Council request of to both the Circuit and District
Courts in consideration Domestic Violence hearings are held in the first
docket of the day versus the current style of hearings held throughout the
day.

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Mary Ludwig

For: All

Against: None

3. **Item #** 3

Motion: Members of the Commission for Women and Families will assist
in the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Veteran’s Ceremony and
luncheon in lieu of delivering flowers to the female Veteran’s and
Spouses as it has been done in past year.

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Erin Walker

For: All

Against: None

4. **Item #** 4

Motion: The December meeting will be moved from December 6th to December
13th . The meeting will be held at a restaurant followed by a Christmas
dinner. Gifts will again be given to the seniors that are in Guardianship
Program. Details will be followed up at the November meeting.

By: Katie Werner

Second: Marta Kelsey

For: All

Against: None

5. **Item #** 5

Motion: Dr. Janice T. Walthour of the NAACP was nominated for the winner of
the 2018 Lifetime Achievement award.

By: Norma Pipkin

Second: Marta Kelsey (?)

For: All

Against: None

6. **Item #** 6

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

By: Mary Ludwig

Second: Diane Danaher

For: All

Against: None

Committee Reports

Banquet – Erin is in the process of completing the banquet forms. She will ask Beth to notify the IT Department to update the website and put out a Public Notice that they have been updated. She will also make an announcement on the CFW Facebook page.

The Commission is looking for someone to head up the Sponsorship for the banquet. The September meeting Jean-Marie Hansen agreed to be the lead on the Sponsorships, she has turned in her resignation due to a new employment commitment a replacement is needed.

Lifetime Achievement- Dr. Janice T. Walthour of the NAACP has been selected.

Historian – Information and copies of news clippings were given to Diane Danaher for the scrapbooks.

Family Violence Coordinating Council – The next meeting is Wednesday, October 25th. Members of the CFW are encouraged to attend this meeting as the Domestic Violence concerns from the Listening Tour will be brought to the Councils attention.

Health Relationships – Norma Pipkin announced that due to a personal conflict the October meeting was cancelled and the next meeting was expected to take place on November 17 at 9:00 a.m. It was announced that Bill Mitchell is on the calendar for the March 19-23 spokesperson.

Scholarship and Memorandum of Understanding – The two individuals given the Scholarship award last year were offered the award again this year to assist in their continued education. No other updates were made available.

Old Business:

County Fair- The table was well represented by the members of the CFW. The Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) had limited assistance. The graphic content of the information provided by the FVCC was discussed with the Chair Yvonne Dawkins as being questionably appropriate for the fair and in the location of the table. It was agreed that future County Fairs will need to move the FVCC table to a separate location or find other information available for Fair weekend.

Listening Tour- The Listening Tour was considered a success by all. The reports and pictures were provided by the State office. The decision was made to invite the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to attend the November meeting to discuss the concerns and actions needed. A time for their attendance will be announced. The reports provided by the state should be re-printed and made available to the Commissioners.

Domestic Violence Proclamation- A letter requesting an order change in the Court proceedings was agreed and voted on.

New Business

Maryland Commission for Women Hall of Fame- The decision was made to enter the 2017 Life Time Achievement Winner, Barbara Thompson as the St. Mary's County representative for the Maryland Commission for Women Hall of Fame recipient. Further research would be done to see if any of the 2017 Tomorrow's Woman will qualify for the age requirements for the State election.

Oyster Festival- Volunteers were asked to either work the Oyster Festival table or walk around and hand out Shoe Cards.

Veteran's Day- Mary Ludwig announced that the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home will offer a ceremony and luncheon for the resident Veteran's and Spouses of the Veteran's home. The Veteran's home is requesting assistance in the escorting of the residents to both the ceremony and luncheon. This would be done in lieu of the delivery of flowers to the female veterans and spouses as in past years. They are hoping to have at least 12 volunteers. CFW members are asked to check their availability and get back with Mary as soon as possible.

Speakers- In hopes to meet with the St. Mary's County Commissioners a speaker will not be present for the November meeting.

Upcoming Events – Mary Ludwig will research a dinner location for the December 13th Christmas meeting and dinner. Once again the membership voted to assist in gift giving to the seniors in the guardianship program.

Upcoming Dates-

November 15, 2017- Meeting Room 14
December 13, 2017- Meeting Location to be announced
January 16, 2018- Meeting Room 14
February 20, 2018- Meeting Room 14
March 15, 2018- CFW Woman of the Year Banquet (Southern Maryland Higher Education Center)
March 19, 2018- Meeting, Room 14
April 16, 2018- Meeting, Room 14
May 21, 2018- Meeting, Room 14
June 18, 2018- Meeting, Room 14

Time Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Sandie Greene (notes provided by Katie Werner CFW Secretary)