

**CALVERT COUNTY**  
*Maryland*  
**Commission for Women**

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Calvert County Commission for Women Monthly Meeting**  
**February 16, 2023**  
**[Zoom – 7:02p]**

Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Joan Winship (Chair)

Members Present (via Zoom): Chair, Diane Wharton, Denyonne Corley, Alisha Sepsey, Brenda Streat, Kelli Couvillion, Amber Yates, Kathryn Marsh Associates: Adrienne Clark

Absent: Anna Grabowska, Margaret Dunkle, Sierra Mitchell. Associates: Leila Boyer, Sheri Tardio, Susan Haynes/

**Approval of Agenda** by Couvillion, seconded Yates.

**Approval of November meeting minutes** – moved to be approved by Marsh, seconded by Streat. All in favor

**January meeting minutes** – Dunkle had submitted a change in wording for the January meeting discussion on the Harriet Elizabeth Brown community center. These had been incorporated into the draft sent out earlier. Marsh moved to approve with corrections, Wharton. All in favor.

**Treasurer's reports:** (Chair/Brenda) - County account balance \$4156.41. Funds expended \$803.59 including videotaping and partner organization fee of \$50 for upcoming Women of the World event.

**Chair's Report:** Most to report will be under various programs below. under upcoming programs. Chair Winship commented on the ongoing legislative work in Annapolis by MLAW during the General Assembly session. Jen Moreland mentioned that she is able to email representatives if the Commission wants to determine positions on various county initiatives.

**Women of the World (WOW):** Winship reported on the progress of plans for WOW which will be held virtually on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Everyone must register ahead with the Calvert Library in order to receive Zoom link. She announced the Outstanding Achievement Awardees for 2023. Mary Hollinger (Advocacy), Pamela Cousins (Service); Sandy Vazquez (Business); Sydney Weller (Woman of Tomorrow). The Commission is also giving a Special Recognition Award for Leadership and Service to Ariane Odom. PR has been evident: Event on various county calendars as well as FB. Flyer is out. Plaques are being engraved. As discussed in November, Winship proposed an appreciation event for the CCCW's OAA awardees and family members, suggesting

that it be held on Thursday evening, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Possible venues were discussed, especially the CalvART Gallery in Prince Frederick. Winship will coordinate with the Gallery. Clark and Corley to help coordinate the event, including food. prior to event March 9<sup>th</sup> 7p possibly art gallery in Prince Frederick.

**Financial Literacy:** Streat indicated this was on hold for at this time..

**History Fair:** (Chair) Boyer is the lead on this. Nothing new to report. History Fair will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Boyer will check in with CCPS again about the event.

**Clothes Closet:** (Streat) is planning to have the Clothes Closet at the Community Resources Day, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick. She will also coordinate two open houses this spring: March 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11am and April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11am open house at the Clothes Closet, St. Paul's Church, Prince Frederick. She also reported: One donation and one shopper.

**Sexual Assault Awareness:** Marsh is finalizing details for a spring program; flyer being drafted for event on April 11<sup>th</sup> (4-1-1).

**Women's Health Expo:** Winship had a planning call with Hospital and Health Dept representatives. They are using last year's event as a model with the Expo timed on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hospital – outside along with the Farmer's Market. D Wharton and SHaynes will join call next month. They are expecting 40 +- vendors. The Commission will staff the Welcome Table and will need volunteers to help. A Rain date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Career Building:** Sepsey has coordinated with Calvert Library. She will be holding 4 events, every other Wednesday beginning April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00-7:30p April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 3 and May 17<sup>th</sup>. Workshops include resume and cover letters, job searching, interviewing.

**ICAN:** Marsh is coordinating with Jennifer Moreland on countywide YouTube to produce short interviews with various women in a variety of professions..

**Human Trafficking:** Marsh reported that January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Though the CCCW did not hold a special event this year, others have done so. She mentioned that the Maryland General Assembly is considering proposed legislation that minors who commit criminal acts that arise out of being trafficked would not be charged with specific crimes.

**Polling** Sepsey drafted questions for a possible poll, Moreland modified. Together with Winship they have proposed a new poll to survey interested and concerns of women county-wide. Responses will be sought in many different venues and media, using online links and QR code. County Communications will format and coordinate the poll. Survey approximately 20 questions polling wider community on county policies determining CCCW's position on certain issues The hope is that this will also provide the Commission with ideas for programming,

**Networking:** Corley has coordinated with Atomic Seafood in Lusby - networking happy hour March 29<sup>th</sup> or April 4<sup>th</sup>. Flyer in local businesses/church, information on our website and others, She presented the idea of a laminated postcard highlighting CCCW on front and upcoming events on back.

**Harriet Elizabeth Brown** – No report.

**Other:** Winship mentioned that Grabowska has begun a draft of a brochure for the CCCW to use at its events and to share and post in places around the county.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Minutes submitted by Denyonne Corley