

CALVERT COUNTY
Maryland
Commission for Women

DRAFT MINUTES
Calvert County Commission for Women Monthly Meeting
March 16, 2023
[Zoom – 7:00p]

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Marsh

Attendees: Adrienne Clark; Jennifer Moreland; Diana Wharton; Amber Yates; Kelli Couvillion; Leila Boyer; Brenda Streat; Anna Grabowska; Kathryn Marsh. Chair Winship was representing the CCCW at the Governor’s reception to honor the 2023 Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame honorees.

Agenda and Minutes: Commissioner Couvillion moved to approve agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Yates. Motion passed and approved

Commissioner Yates moved to approve the November 2022 Minutes. Commissioner Couvillion seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all members.

Treasurer’s Report: Commissioner Street provided the Treasurer’s report (Financial Report previously provided to the commissioners). Current balance is \$3716.41 with pending expenditures in the amount of \$440.

Wow Update: Commissioners Couvillion and Clark provided a report on WOW. The Thursday night CCCW reception to honor the Outstanding Achievement Honorees was well received. General consensus was great food, well attended and appreciated by all. Commissioner Clark advised the space was just perfect for the amount of people we had. Any additional people and we would have been too big for the space. The Art Gallery was a perfect location and great partner. Commissioner Couvillion advised that the Saturday event had over 150 people in attendance and the ceremony went off without a hitch. Since the ceremony we have received additional certificates from Senator Jackson’s office – printing was off, they are being sent back to be reprinted and provided to the recipients. Commissioner Boyer mentioned that some certificates were missing for recipients and she was working to resolve those issues. Group consensus regarding WOW was that the in person reception was the right call. Discussion held regarding going back to a full live event, a hybrid event or completely virtual. Discussion included hosting a reception at the library with appetizers. Other ideas included having an in- person awards ceremony only and not a luncheon.

History Fair: Commissioner Boyer advised that Marissa, Jacob and Jasper Sisson won for Title IX Sports from Mill Creek Middle School; Women’s History Award winner was Pixley Diamond for her project on Jane Goodall from Windy Hill Middle School. Our Title IX Award was not listed in the program. Commissioner Boyer advised we need to limit our requests in the program, only one award on behalf of the Commission should be given in the future.

Clothes Closet update: Commissioner Street- Tomorrow (17 March) is the Community Resource Day between 2-6 pm. Commissioner Streat is going to the event tomorrow with a small amount of clothes.

Commissioner Wharton is going to be at the Clothes Closet on Saturday from 930-11 am. – Follow up needed on the Clothes Closet Flyer from Commissioner Street.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Update: Commissioner Marsh advised the Prouts from “*I have a Right To*” are confirmed for 18 April 2023. The Commission is partnering with the Library again (Flyers and Social Media out within the next 10 days). The State’s Attorney’s Office and the Sheriff’s Office will also be attending.

Women’s Health Expo Update: CC4W will have 2 Welcome Tables to staff. We will need help setting up and breaking down shifts from 2:30 from 6:30 pm. Wharton will coordinate the tables. Haynes is focusing on the flyers and the vendors. Winship coordinating with Hospital and Health Department.

Career Building Update: Commissioner Clark provided the update. Every other Wednesday April- May the Commission will be hosting a forum at the Library.. The Committee will provide informational Flyers to J. Moreland for County distribution.

Community Polling: Jennifer Moreland provided an update on Polling questions. A New link for polling will be emailed tomorrow. We will need a post WOW survey poll. We will be keeping in mind lessons learned from initial surveys and how to improve data sources. Press release needs to be done with a social media release. Commissioner Couvillion will draft press release for poll.

Networking Update: No Report at tonight’s meeting

Financial Literacy Update: Still on hold pending Commissioner Mitchell’s return.

I Can update: Software Conversion right now with all of the County’s IT and Communication. J. Moreland requested that we wait until May to start working on this project. Jennifer Moreland will provide an update once the County IT approves the project.

Brochure: Grabowska and Winship working on draft. No current update

Old Business: None

New Business:

Jen Moreland provided an update on the crisis center. The health department has been relying on braided funding for services. The State is now prohibiting braided funding starting immediately. The Health Department has had to change their business model, this has created a funding and staffing gap for mental health crisis intervention, specifically Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The Health Department is currently managing 33 grants. They are the 5th largest employer in the County. The Health Department is ready for crisis management to go to an RFP. This would cover Safe Harbor and a DV crisis program. Plan is to get an RFP out by summer. Need to work on funding. Commission would be a great partner moving forward on this project.

Commissioner Grabowska moved to adjourn, Commissioner Yates seconded. Motion approved by all.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathryn Marsh