

CALVERT COUNTY
Maryland
Commission for Women

DRAFT MINUTES
Calvert County Commission for Women Monthly Meeting
April 20, 2023
[Zoom – 7:00p]

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair J. Winship

Attendees:

- Members Present (via Zoom): Joan Winship, Alisha, Sepsey, Brenda Streat, Diana Wharton, Margaret Dunkle, Sierra Mitchell,
- Absent: Amber Yates, Denyonne Corley, Kathryn Marsh, Kelli Couvillion, Anna Grabowska
- Associates Present: Adrienne Clark, Susan Hayes, Sheri Tardio, Leila Boyer
- Observer: Jennifer Moreland; Christy Jones

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Wharton . Approved.

Approval of February minutes: Motion to approve by Dunkle, seconded by Haynes. Approved.

Approval of March minutes: Motion to approve by Wharton, seconded by Streat. Approved.

Treasurer's/Financial report – Report given by Treasurer B. Streat. She noted that there would be discussion of use of remaining funds later in the meeting. Winship reported that she received notice that the CCCW budget would be slightly reduced for the coming FY, but she had not received the exact amount via formal notice.

Welcome to Visitor Christy Jones: The chair welcomed Christy Jones as a new applicant for a position on the Commission and asked her to introduce herself. Time for more detailed interview was set aside at the end of the business meeting.

Chair's Report: Winship reported that she had represented the Calvert County Commission for Women at the Governor's Reception for the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame on March 16th [the same date as our last meeting.] She described the event and the winners for the group. She also reported that the Maryland Legislative Action for Women (MLAW) of which CCCW is a member, announced successful outcomes for its priority legislation for the 2023 General Assembly legislative session. There was a short general discussion of the various initiatives. She also reminded members of the Crime Prevention event on Saturday, April 23rd to which members were invited.

Nominations for 2023-24 Officers: The chair announced that Margaret Dunkle would chair the Nominations Committee. Dunkle asked those who might be interested in holding a position or willing to serve on the committee to be in touch with her. They will report back in May.

Current and Upcoming Programs:

- **History Fair** – Boyer had nothing additional to report.
- **Clothes Closet** – Streat reported that the Open House on March 15th had no visitors. The next dates are: May 20th and June 10th, 9-11 am. Other times by appointment.
- **Sexual Assault Awareness** -Since Marsh was unavailable, Winship reported that the event was held with Calvert Library by zoom on April 18th with the Prouts, Founders of I have the Right to, a national organization supporting middle and high school student survivors of sexual assault.

- **Women’s Health Expo** –Winship reported that **the CCCCW is** partnering again with Calvert Health and the Health Department.; County Parks & Rec and Calvert Library are new partners this year. The date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th for 2-6 pm at the Hospital with a rain date of May 16th. About 40 vendors are being lined up. Wharton is coordinating the two welcome tables which the CCCW will staff. Volunteer Commissioners are needed. Haynes has been working to distribute flyers throughout the county as well as line up vendors and other PR.
- **Career Building Series-** Sepsey, Clark and Corley are leading sessions on resumes, interviewing, job search etc. every other week for four sessions in April and May at either the Prince Frederick or Fairview Libraries.
- **Community Poll** – Moreland has worked with Sepsey, Winship, Marsh, Boyer, Couvillion to develop a community poll about issues and needs for county women. She introduced the idea of using a Rack Card with QR code to be printed and made available throughout the County in order to get wide distribution. The CCCW approved \$1000 from the CCCW budget to develop the poll and print the Rack Cards .
- **Networking** – no report.
- **Financial Literacy**::Streat indicated that the goal is to look towards programming in the fall with the committee (Mitchell, Sreat, Clark) reorganizing.
- **New Communications opportunities** - Moreland
 - **Rack Card** – see above Community Poll
 - **ICAN** – Marsh has explored doing ICAN virtually. Moreland explained the idea of developing with Calvert Broadcast videos (perhaps 15 3-5 minute segments) that could be available online, on YouTube, or even a live component. The Commission approved \$1000 to develop, promote and broadcast
 - **CCCW Brochure** – still possible to be developed

Ongoing followup from Strategic Planning Retreat.

- **Harriet Elizabeth Brown Center:** Dunkle updated the group on the status of the HEB Center and efforts to keep the process moving towards a permanent community center.
- **Title IX:** Information is pending on potential activities for April 27th when colleges will support “College Awareness Day”. Dunkle will follow up.
- **Ongoing Recognition of the contributions and achievements of girls and women:** N/A

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm to go into executive discussion. Interview with candidate Christy Jones was held.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joan Winship, Chair