



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2019

7:00 pm, Winchester Hall, Frederick MD 21701 (3rd Floor Conference Room)

COMMISSIONERS

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Vice President

Shauna Mulcahy
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Commissioners Present: Rosario Campos, Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Maura Page, Lois Jarman, Karen Czapanskiy, Desiree Tucker, Cindy Shubin, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Valerie Dougherty, Melissa Atherholt, Tara Woodward
Commissioners Absent: Desiree Tucker
Guests: Athena Edsall, Sharon Payne

Vice President Rosario Campos called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, a quorum was present.

I. Executive Committee Report

a. Approval of June meeting minutes. There was one change to the June minutes. The SHELeads summit will be held on Saturday, September 21st. Karen Czapanskiy made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Cindy Shubin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. The meeting went into closed session at 7:05 PM. A slate of officers were proposed as follows:

- President – Lakshmi Darbha
- Vice President – Melissa Atherholt
- Treasurer – Valerie Dougherty
- Recorder – Shauna Mulcahy
- Member at-large – Cindy Shubin

The slate passed unanimously, all in favor.

The public meeting was reopened at 7:07 PM.

c. Treasurer's Quarterly Report: Valerie reported on the full fiscal year. We have \$21, 286.12 and we have continual administrative expenses that cost around \$1,200 for the year. Cindy and Valerie are going to get together to modify how the financial reports are displayed.

d. Summary of Annual/Planning Retreat: We decided on our initiatives and focus for the year. We discussed various committees, which are outlined as follows:

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- i. RAW Event: Chair: Shauna and Lois and Cindy are assisting
- ii. Marketing: Cindy and Desiree
- iii. Legislative: Chair: Karen and Valerie and Melissa will assist
- iv. Outreach: Rosario and Lakshmi
- v. Recruitment: Chair: Melissa and Shauna will assist
- vi. SHELeads: Maura

e. New member appointment update: Everyone has been appointed that was voted in over the summer. We have 2 vacant positions. Kimba Green resigned from the Commission.

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II. Commission Business

a. Outreach: Rosario/Lakshmi

- i. Upcoming events:
 - i. SHE Week – Maura is attending the event at Hood College. Maura is going to reach out to Jennifer Gerlock at the Chamber of Commerce to see if there are any tabling opportunities.

b. Legislative: We should focus on Frederick County’s legislative efforts. Karen provided background information on MLAW. The Commission will send a letter to Mr. Roger Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs, with our recommendations for the legislative package for the 2020 General Assembly Session. There were six identified priorities, which include: HB 122/SB 209 Protective Orders – Relief Eligibility – Rape and Sexual Offenses, HB 341/SB 500 Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2019), HB 634/SB 738 Labor and Employment – Wage History and Wage Range, HB 782/SB 691 Criminal Procedure – Motion to Vacate Judgment – Human Trafficking (True Freedom Act of 2019), HB 937 Family Law – Child Support – Eligibility of a Child Who Has Attained the Age of 18 Years SB 264 General Provisions – Age of Majority Right to Parental Support and Maintenance, HB 1107/SB 518 Discrimination in Employment – Pregnancy and Childbirth.

c. SheLEADS: Maura

The next meeting is on 8/25 at Hood College at the Career Center from 12:00-2:00 PM. The students have finalized the breakdown of the event on September 21st. Check-in will begin at 10:30 AM and the event is being held from 11:00 AM-3:15 PM. Students are still reaching out to potential speakers.

Please talk with Maura if you have any suggestions for speakers the topics are human trafficking; environment; education/social media and “grassroots” advocacy and/or would like to assist with one of the workshops.

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d. Human Trafficking: Looking at who to attend the meetings. Tara offered.

e. Annual Awards Dinner: Shauna

- i. Discussed the date of March 12, 2019. Shauna will get a draft of the contract to the Executive Committee.
- ii. Lois is attending a meeting on August 28th to talk with photography teachers about the project and getting students involved.

III. Commissioner Announcements

- a. Valerie – As a Commission; we should review Roberts Rules as a refresher on how to guide our meetings.
- b. Lakshmi – attended the United Way Coalition of Kindness Meeting and they shared that they are having all of the school counselors attend and discuss initiating kindness groups in the schools.
- c. Lois – discussed The Bodice Project is coming to Frederick on October 4th. Lois is talking with Frederick artists about painting multiple bodices.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm

Next public meeting is September 10th, at 7pm.

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