

Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

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

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

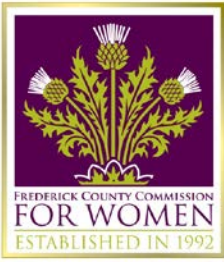
President Lakshmi Darbha called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, a quorum was present.

- I. Guest Speaker – Janice Brown, Director of Senior Services from Frederick Community College. Janice discussed a potential partnership with the Frederick County Commission for Women to help launch a leadership program with unemployed and underemployed men and women. She also discussed partnering with the Commission to host a Women’s History Event in March on campus.
- II. **Executive Committee Report**
 - a. Approval of the August meeting minutes. Marguerite Vacca-Kaye made a motion to accept the minutes. Rosario Campos seconded. Maura Page abstained. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Lakshmi shared the training information pertaining to open meetings with the Executive Committee.
 - c. New member recruitment update: Tara Woodward’s resignation never went through to the County so Tara is still a member of the Commission. We currently have 12 members of the 15 spots. Frederick County Government is placing an advertisement in the newspaper for the remaining positions.
- III. **Commission Business**
 - a. **Outreach:** Rosario/Lakshmi
 - i. **Past events:** Rosario and Lakshmi attended the Festival of India. Lakshmi was able to give a brief presentation on the Frederick County

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Commission for Women. Maura attended the SHE Week event held at Hood College.

ii. Upcoming events:

- i. The Asian American Center Health Fair is being held on Saturday, October 26th. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please coordinate with Lakshmi.
- ii. We are not registered for In the Streets for September 14th. If you attend, please represent the Commission with your name badge.

b. Legislative: The Commission sent 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 SheLEADS Youth Summit is being held on Saturday, September 21st. Please plan on attending to show your support to the students. Maura passed out the agenda for the event. The students goal for attendance are 10 students from each school in the County totaling 100 students. The next meeting is being held on Sunday, September 15th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Maura brought a proposed budget totaling \$270.00 to purchase food for the event. Valerie made a motion to accept the budget, Lakshmi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Valerie made a motion that de minimis expenditures up to \$300 can be approved by the Executive Committee. 6 Commissioners voted in favor and 4 opposed. The motion passed. Cindy noted that her concerns in this passing is that \$300 could be 10% of the total budget for the specific project or event.

d. Human Trafficking: No updates for this month.

e. Annual Awards Dinner: Shauna

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- i. Contract and payment has been received by Ceresville Mansion for March 12, 2020.

f. Marketing: Desiree

- i. Desiree will order new badges for Commissioners

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IV. Commissioner Announcements

- a. Lakshmi – Nonprofit, Aavane is launching STEM sessions this month at the Urbana Library. This pilot program is designed to encourage girls who want to pursue careers in STEM
- b. Desiree – nonprofit Women Solve is working with the Board of Education to focus on getting diversity into the curriculum and looking at other areas as well (e.g., lack of minority teacher hiring and suspension rates). Their next project will be looking for programmers who can help build an app for senior services.
- c. Shauna – The Commission will be represented at the Hood College Volunteer Fair on Thursday, September 12th.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

Next public meeting is October 15th, at 7pm.

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