



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes July 27, 2020 4:00 pm – Virtual Meeting

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Maura Page
Desiree Tucker
Marguerite Vacca-Kaye
Tara Woodward

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Commissioners Present: Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Cindy Shubin, Melissa Atherholt, Karen Czapanskiy, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Valerie Dougherty, Carmen Kaarid, Kaitlin Moore, Chelsea Kadish, Lois Jarman, Maura Page, Desiree Tucker, Rosario Campos
Commissioners Absent: Tara Woodward
Guests: Kelli Goetz, Maigan Pechnik

President Lakshmi Darbha called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, a quorum was present.

I. Executive Committee Report

- a. Approval of the March meeting minutes. Chelsea Kadish made a motion to accept the minutes. Lois Jarman seconded. Desiree Tucker abstained. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Treasurer's Quarterly Report: Valerie presented the 6/30/2020 fiscal year end financial report. She noted that the only significant recent activity was the Annual Awards Dinner. The event's revenue and expense activity was higher in volume than the previous year but the net result was similar. Otherwise, the commission's general and administrative financial activity over the recent year was comparable to the prior year.

Valerie reported the expected \$2,500 annual funding from Frederick County was recently mailed to our office.

- c. Proposed slate of 2020-2021 nominations – a vote will occur at the next meeting:

President - Maura Page

Vice President -Melissa Altherolt

Treasurer – Valerie Dougherty

Recorder – Shauna Mulcahy

Member-At-Large – Rosario Campos

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II. Commission Business

a. Outreach:

- i. Lakshmi shared that we held the RAW Event on March 12th.
- ii. The County held a Proclamation for Women's History Month on March 5th.
- iii. The Frederick County Commission for Women spoke to the Veterans Advisory Council on March 17th.
- iv. The upcoming event is the Maryland Commission for Women's Centennial Summit on August 26th.
- v. Commission for Women was selected for "Community Service Award" by UNESCO Center of Peace as part of Women Trailblazers event, to be held on March 28. Event was postponed/cancelled.

b. Annual Awards Dinner and 19th Amendment Photo display – Shauna discussed the financial report and considering the circumstances, we did well related to attendance. We did not have a loss, but a net gain of \$11.66. This years award winners were: Up and Coming Woman of the Year: Tawanda Bailey; Organization of the Year: Frederick County League of Women Voters; Woman of the Year: Shari Scher. Shauna expressed gratitude to everyone who came and assisted with the event and any of the preparation work. Lois discussed that the photo display was well attended and thanked Melissa and Gabi Page for helping to pull this all together. Lois shared the possibility of using these pictures for another exhibit in the future.

c. Legislative: Karen shared that there were six bills related to women this session including the Salary History Bill (effective on October 1, 2020). Two bills did not pass. Chelsea discussed that much of the legislation did not go through with session being cut short and anticipates many of the bills coming back next year.

d. SheLEADS – Maura said the sessions were canceled for April where they were going to discuss the future vision of the program. Maura has a virtual meeting scheduled with students for August and she will provide an update afterwards.

e. Human Trafficking – there has been no updates, but Kaitlin is willing to sit on Councilwoman Jessica Fitzwater's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

f. New initiatives – The Frederick County Commission for Women nominated 20 Sheroes for the Maryland Commission for Women for their Centennial Event.

g. Recruitment – Melissa and Shauna have two interviews set up. We received a few additional applications and resumes and they are setting interviews up with them as well. They will invite them to attend the next meeting so Commissioners have the opportunity to meet the applicants. The Frederick

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h. Marketing – Desiree said there were no updates at this time

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III. Guest Announcements:

a. Kelli Goetz shared information related to the rental assistance program to help families during these uncertain times. Kelli said that this program is being facilitated through the Religious Coalition.

IV. Closed Session

a. The motion to renew CFW membership for Dr Lois Jarman was made by Cindy Shubin and seconded by Rosario Campos. The motion passed unanimously.

b. The motion to renew CFW membership for Shauna Mulcahy was made by Melissa Atherholt and seconded by Dr Karen Czapanskiy. The motion passed unanimously.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm

Next public meeting will be announced for August 2020.

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