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Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014
7:00pm
Winchester Hall, 3rd Floor

Commissioners Present: Linda Roth, Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Diana Halleman, Christine Ferguson, VeraLynn Morris(by phone), Cynthia Miller, Natalie Abbas, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Ashley Collier, Shellome Walters, Michele Nusum-Smith, Marcella Perez and Susan Mender.

Absent Commissioners: Tish Honse

Guests: Darlene Carver, Silvia Munoz, Angela Golemac, Ivana Soce, Ronnie Osterman and Ana Filovic

I. President’s Report and Announcements
   a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
   b. February Meeting Minutes - Minutes were approved as presented.
   c. Calendar of Events - Commissioner Halleman asked that the legislative forums on charter government be added to the calendar.
   d. Announcements:
      • Commissioner Collier announced that the Frederick Giving Project would be doing some painting for Heartly House this weekend and could use donations of painting supplies.
      • March 18, Dr. Teresa Alban (Supt. of FCPS) will speak on Celebrating Women of Courage. This event is sponsored by Ft. Detrick EOA/Diversity Committee.
      • President Roth made numerous announcements of special dates on the calendar of events.

Financial Report - There was no report this month.

Committee Reports/Special Projects - Reports were delivered by the following Committees: Legislative, Recruitment, Marketing, and Outreach.

• Legislative - Forums on Charter Government have been scheduled for April 29 (Urbana Public Library), May 5 (C. Burr Artz Public Library) and May 12 (Thurmont Public Library). Volunteers are needed to man each event. All events will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Marketing Committee will handle

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all publicity and a constant contact reminder will be sent. Commissioner Honse is speaking with Stuart Harvey about doing voter registration at the event. President Roth also recorded a promotion of the event for Channel 19 which will be shown on March 17th. It was also noted that a business and professional women’s group would like to partner with us on a gubernatorial candidates forum. The commissioners deferred the item to the Legislative Committee for review and a decision.

- **Recruitment/Volunteer** – Commissioner Mender introduced Darlene Carver (founder of Abbey Business Institute) who would like to become an active volunteer with us in addition to her other community activities. It was also recommended that FCCFW promote volunteer opportunities more and that specific examples of jobs be provided to make the volunteer opportunity more attractive.

- **Marketing** - Commissioner Miller reported on costs for an updated tabletop display and tablecloth. She also indicated that for us to display at the Frederick Keys game would cost about $500 for the table.

- **Outreach** – Commissioner Hernandez-Smith reminded the group that we are invited to attend the Women’s History Month Observance at Ft. Detrick on Tuesday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m.

- **Old Business** –
  - Leadership Alliance Dinner is March 20th and Hood will partially sponsor the event. According to Commission Ferguson, ticket sales are looking good and we are at 80% capacity.
  - A group photo was taken for use in publicity and on our Facebook page.

- The Meeting was then closed to all but commissioners for election of officers. Those elected will take office on July 1, 2014.
- Commissioner Christine Ferguson was nominated for the office of President. There were no other nominations and following discussion, a vote was held. Commissioner Ferguson was elected by a vote of 9 “yes”, 3 abstentions and 2 “no” votes.
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- Commissioner Veralynn Morris was nominated for Vice President. There were no other nominations and following a group discussion, she was elected by a vote of 13 "yes" and 1 abstention.

- Commissioners Marcella Perez and Commissioner Natalie Abbas were nominated for Treasurer. Following a group discussion, the vote was taken and Commissioner Perez was elected by a vote of 10 to 4.

- Commissioner Michele Nusum-Smith received a nomination for Recorder and following discussion was elected by a unanimous vote.

- Commissioner Diana Halleman was nominated for member-at-large and following discussion was elected by unanimous vote.

4. **Adjournment**—A motion was made by to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

The next public meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2014.

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