



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

September 11th 2018

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

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Commissioners Present: Rosario Campos, Annie Jones, Lakshmi Darbha, Karen Czapanskiy, Tara Woodward, Shauna Mulcahy, Jessica Kent, Kimba Green, Lois Jarman

Commissioners Absent: Maura Page

Guests: Valerie Dougherty, Athena Edsall

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, a quorum was present.

The members observed silence for few minutes to honor the day (Sep 11)

I. Executive Committee Report

a. Commissioners, Volunteers and Guests introduced themselves

b. Office updates: Athena Edsall is our new contact in Citizen Services in place of Michele Denaris.....

c. Approval of meeting minutes for August 2018:

i. The motion to vote to approve Aug 2018 meeting minutes was made by Karen and seconded by Rosario. The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

d. Commission for Women received a request for sponsoring a senate community forum. After consulting with the County it was decided that a non-county affiliated organization would be the preferable sponsor for the event.

II. Commission Business

a. Outreach (Rosario and Lakshmi)

i. Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour (July 2016-Nov 2017) concluded as a conference on Aug 18th. Kimba and Lakshmi represented on behalf of Frederick County Commission for Women. The Survey Results are available at the following website:

<http://dhr.maryland.gov/maryland-commission-women/programs/voices-maryland-listening-tour/>

According to the Report the Top 5 issues affecting women in Maryland were:

1. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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2. Paid Time off for Extended Parental and Medical Leave
3. Women and Drug Abuse and Addiction Problems
4. Women in Leadership Positions
5. Access to Affordable, Quality Childcare

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- ii. Hood College Community Fair (Maura and Lakshmi attended)
- iii. Commission participated in the County's popular annual event, "In the Street" on September 8th. The table featured "American Nobel Laureate Women in Science".
- iv. The upcoming events that the Commission will be representing are:
 - i. Birth and Babies Fair, September 30th (Table)
 - ii. Festival of India, September 22nd
 - iii. Latino Festival, September 23rd
 - iv. Heartly House event: Walk a mile in her shoes, Oct 5th
 - v. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. (Frederick Chapter)'s Multicultural Perspective Panel, October 20th
 - vi. Community Health Fair, October 27th

b. Legislative

- i. Frederick County Legislative Input (Karen and Jessica):
The Commission wrote to the 88 candidates whose name will appear on a ballot in Frederick County during the upcoming election. Candidates were invited to provide the Commission with a statement of no more than 150 words about issues they see as important to women this year. Statements are being posted as they are received, so additional statements may be added to the page before election day.

The statements will include a notice that neither Frederick County nor the Frederick County Commission for Women makes any recommendations about who voters should elect. These statements will be published to give voters who may have an interest in women's issues a chance to hear from candidates.

Post meeting note:

Please see the candidate statements at: goo.gl/TMXPQ2

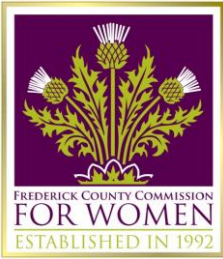
c. Leadership Alliance Dinner

- i. Updates were provided by Kimba:
 - i. Date for next annual dinner event is Mar 21, 2019

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- ii. Meeting with Ceresville Mansion as possible venue (7-9pm)
- iii. Planning meetings will begin soon. Decisions on new name for the event and reduction of the ticket price to \$25 will be made

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d. SheLEADS

- i. Updates were provided by Annie about the 2018-19 program
- ii. Meetings held with four student leadership coordinators
- iii. Letters went out to four schools
- iv. Notices handed out at In the Streets
- v. Announcement on Facebook
- vi. Dates for working with students from 2-4pm (Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16, 2018)

e. Human Trafficking

- i. County Council Workshop on human trafficking bills was held on August 28th
- ii. Next meeting is September 17th at 6pm– quarterly response team update meeting

f. 2019 Women's March

- i. Annie attended August 18th Planning Meeting and shared an overview of the progress. Commission for Women will co-sponsor the event

g. Recruitment

- i. Annie and Shauna met to discuss recruitment
- ii. Lakshmi and Maura attended Hood College's Community Service Fair requesting for volunteers for Commission
- iii. It was proposed to make a portion of Commission's November or December public meeting a new member open house/ meet-and-greet

III. Commissioner Announcements

- i. MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) conference in Nov 2018
- ii. Summit of Intersections (Adverse Childhood Experiences Conference) on Sep 28, 2018
- iii. United Way Kindness Coalition's event: Bullying in our Community, panel discussion on Oct 11, 2018

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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