



**Baltimore County Commission for Women
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2018**

Present: Bella Owens, Vonzella Perry, Carmen Christiana, Jennie Fernandez, Theresa Barrett, Kimberly Bowen, Jacqui Lampell, Cecelia Myrick, Frances Smith, Nancy Surosky, Nitsa Zdziera

Excused Absences: Cheryl Brooks, Kelly Carter, Sheila Derman, Phyllis Hall, Sabrina Jones, Ruth Howard, Emily Hunter, Renee McGuirk-Spence, Brenda Savoy, Lynda Stahl, Helene Waranch

Unexcused Absences: Dorothy Foos

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m. by President Bella Owens

Minutes of February Meeting: Minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance \$9,004.25; Expenses \$596.51; Ending Balance \$8,407.74

President's Report: Announcements: Bella announced new commissioner Brenda Savoy, appointee representing the 4th councilmanic district. She plans to meet with Brenda next week to discuss her interests. She reminded the commissioner's with expiring and expired terms to seek reappointment from their respective Councilperson.

Committee Reports

Woman of the Year: Bella reviewed the expenses of the event; Nancy provided the update. The event took place March 1st, winners included: Laura Clary, Woman of the Year, Jennifer Aubert-Utz, Woman Making a Difference, and Gabriella McLean, Young Woman of the Year. Event was well attended and a great success. Going forward Bella suggested that the commission push for a more diverse recipients.

Women's Health: Bella reported that Family Health Fun Fest will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Randallstown Community Center. A handout with details was provided.

Women's Equality/Diversity:

Diversity Dimension Panel Discussion (east): Nitsa reported that the event will take place in September.

Diversity Dimension Panel Discussion (west): Jacqui reported the confirmed panelists: Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Danette Zaghari-Mask and Candace Breland Osunade. She is looking for a representative from the Jewish community. The event will be promoted through the Baltimore County Office of Communications (FaceBook, Twitter, press release). It was suggested to promote to nearby senior centers, UMBC, and communities in the area. Columbia Catering will provide refreshments. Lisa Robinson, WBAL TV News, is unable to serve as moderator.

Public Policy Agenda: No report. Update on the Legislative Agenda items will be provided at the next meeting.

Human Trafficking: Frances had no report. Nancy announced that Jennifer Stine of CASA will fill one of the eight member slots. She also shared an e-mail that Donna Morrison sent to the Baltimore County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council asking them to designate an individual from within their organizations to serve on the work group. Bella will work on a welcome letter to all members once appointed for the first meeting in May.

Domestic Violence: Nitsa reminded the commissioners about GBMC's "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Old Business/New Business: No April meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35 p.m.