



**Baltimore County Commission for Women
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, December 20, 2018**

Present: Vonzella Perry, Ruth Howard, Carmen Christiana, Sheila Derman, Kimberly Bowen, Dorothy Foos, Jacqui Lampell, Cecelia Myrick, Frances Smith, Lynda Stahl, Helene Waranch, Nancy Surosky

Excused Absences: Jennie Fernandez, Phyllis Hall, Sabrina Jones, Brenda Savoy, Renee McGuirk-Spence, Nitsa Zdziera

Unexcused Absences: Cheryl Brooks, Kelly Carter, Emily Hunter, Bella Owens

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m. by President Vonzella Perry

Minutes of the September Meeting: September meeting minutes were moved, seconded and approved with correction.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance \$10,000.00 Expenses \$725.05, ending balance \$9,274.95

President's Report: Vonzella welcomed members and provided a handout on MLAW's 2019 Legislative Agenda. She asked Nancy to update the commissioners. Nancy talked about how the newly elected County Executive and the new staff are restructuring and hitting the ground running. Woman of the Year date has been set for Thursday, March 28th with the selection process beginning in mid-January. She asked commissioners to check their appointment expiration dates and write to their councilman for re-appointment. Those appointed by the County Executive will wait for further detail. There was discussion about listing awards received by the Woman's Commission on the website.

Committee Reports

Women's Health: Carmen distributed flyers on Phyllis' behalf. The flyers included: Course on Parenting, Active Parenting Meet up, and Opioid overdose training. There was discussion about the Health Fair, Sabrina will follow up with Phyllis for details.

Women's Equality/Diversity:

Diversity Dimension Panel Discussion (east): Ruth reported that the event was a success, 40 in attendance and good presenters. Ruth announced that the event received a national award. Ruth, Jacqui, Helene, Sabrina and Renee will meet to discuss hosting different types of events. Ruth also talked to the commissioners about possible partnership opportunities with BCAC and the Links.

Public Policy Agenda: Sheila talked about the 2019 MLAW Legislative Agenda which includes the nine chosen bills:

- Family & Medical Leave Insurance Program

- Child Support for Post-Secondary Education – Jurisdiction of Court
- Salary History Information Disclosure
- HIV Prevention for Rape Victims
- Prescription Drug Affordability Bill
- Protect MD Health Care Act of 2019
- Protective Orders – Relief Eligible – Rape & Sexual Offense
- State Government Discrimination in Employment – Pregnancy & Childbirth
- Expansion of MD's Vacatur Law for Survivors of Human Trafficking

She will provide a report on what's introduced at the next meeting.

Human Trafficking: Kimberly - no report. Next Human Trafficking Work Group meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019.

Domestic Violence: Nitsa Zdziera absent – no report.

Woman of the Year: Date set for March 28, 2019. Selection process will begin in mid-January. Bella will be Chair and Carmen, co-Chair. Brenda, Cheryl, Nitsa, Helene, and Sabrina will serve on the committee.

Old Business/New Business: Helene provided handouts on anti-cyberbullying, Safe Surfin' Foundation. Ruth proposed that if a meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather only, meeting be held via conference call.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019