

CALVERT COUNTY
Maryland
Commission for Women

Calvert County Commission for Women
Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2022, 7:00-9:00 pm
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair, Joan Winship

Members Present (via Zoom): Joan Winship, Ariane Odom, Anna Grabowska, Margaret Dunkle, Brenda Street, Kathryn Marsh, Sierra Mitchell, Denyonne Corley

Absent/excused: Lisa Stalling, Carol Harvat

Associates Present: Susan Haynes, Nadine Hunt & Diane Bell

Approval of Agenda by consensus.

Discussion on Title IX: James Kurtz, Director Student Services for the Calvert County Public Schools, was unable to attend. Winship will try to reschedule for February meeting.

Treasurer's reports: Financials were sent to CCCW members prior to the meeting. No discussion; statements were accepted.

Approval of November 2021 meeting Minutes: M. Dunkle moved to approve and A. Odom seconded. All accepted, none opposed

Chair's Report: Winship noted the Commission's new logo designed by the County and displayed on the Agenda. This format will be standardized for all County commissions.

Winship also reported on the resignation of Crystal Jordan as an Associate Commissioner. She has been a very active member of the CCCW in both full and associate capacities, always willing to work and contribute her time for any Commission program. Various members expressed their appreciation for her service. Winship has already written her in appreciation as well.

Membership – Odom indicated contact information has been finalized and is available.

Clothes Closet – Odom reported that with the resignation of Jordan, she will need other commissioners to help back up Odom for work with the Clothes Closet. Recently there were two shoppers with appointments. Secretary of St. Paul's Church informed Odom about the church's outreach and their intent to accept clothing donations, which will lessen the demand on commissioner's needing to always accept the clothing. D. Bell offered to assist at the Clothes Closet during the next First Friday.

Human Trafficking – Marsh and Odom announced that plans had changed. The event to recognize Human Trafficking Month will now be via Zoom and hosted by the CCCW and the Calvert Library on Monday, January 31st from 6:30-8:00 pm. Staff from the SAFE Center at the University of Maryland will provide live presentations. A flyer is available and people can sign up online. There is a short turn around so members were encouraged to spread the word.

S. Mitchell attended and reported on the Red Sand event on Human Trafficking at the College of Southern Maryland. .

Financial Literacy – Mitchell and Streat report that new potential dates include February 26, which would be virtual, or April 2, which could be in person. The group encouraged that they pursue the February date. S. Mitchell will lead discussion on estate planning; Edward Jones financial group will discuss financial planning.

Women of the World (WOW) – Chair Winship reported that nominees from other organizations were now all selected and materials coming in. There was a press release still seeking community nominations for the Commission’s Outstanding Achievement Awards mentioned in County Times last week. Some suggestions were made in discussion. WOW is working with Anthony Green of Creative Entertainment and Media to videotape presentations utilizing WOW funding. Planning seems to be on track for appropriate timing.

Sexual Assault and Awareness Month/April A. Odom reported that no specific planning was in place yet; discussion ensued. K. Marsh suggested an outdoor event towards the end of April. Odom and Marsh will develop a program and report next meeting.

Women’s Health Expo – Haynes, Bell and Winship will be meeting in February via zoom with staff from Calvert Health and the CC Health Department to follow up details from their late November meeting. The WHExpo will be held on Tuesday, May 10th on the grounds of CH Hospital in conjunction with the timing of the Farmer’s Market, 2:30-6:30 pm. Rain date will be the following Tuesday, May 17th. CCCW members will be encouraged to help with PR and on-site participation as time gets closer.

Harriet Elizabeth Brown Center: Dunkle reported that there is a continued request for public comments concerning the HEB permanent community center.

Potential CCCW Brochure: No update available at this time.

Other: Marsh reported that the 2022 Maryland Legislative Session started last week. She mentioned several examples of legislation affecting women and girls. This is the tenth year that legislation has been presented to change Maryland’s age of marriage, Other proposals address such issues as spousal defense for sexual assault and rape in marriage; stalking, protective orders, child sex trafficking, etc. The CCCW is a member of MLAW, Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, which is advocating on behalf of identified legislative proposals affecting women and girls. Marsh is active in advocating for several specific pieces of legislation this year.

Upcoming Programming:

- January 29th - CCCW and Calvert Library online Human Trafficking event
- February 26th – Financial Literacy event
- March 12, 2022 - Women of the World (WOW)
- April 5th, 2022 – CCCW and Library virtual book discussion on ‘Know My Name’ by Chanel Miller.
- End of April - Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Months, other programming to follow.
- May 10, 2022– Women’s Health Expo

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by D. Corley, Acting Secretary with J. Winship, Chair