



Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2017

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 203 at the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center, with Chair Deborah Goddard presiding.

Present: Commissioners Goddard, Jasper-Morant, Sevier, Lucas-Patrick, White

Absent: Commissioner Henry, Foster

Council Liaison:

HRC Liaison:

Human Relations Department Staff: Jodie Stanley, Love Crossling

Visitors:

I. Call to Order

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Moment of Silent Meditation

Chair Goddard called for a moment of silent meditation.

III. Introduction of Visitors and Speakers

No visitors attended the meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

Chair Report

Chair Goddard shared her report, starting with a brief report about the breakfast that she and Commissioner Morant attended in Raleigh. She continued by sharing Commissioner Jimerson's regretful resignation from the commission, adding that she was committed to supporting the Equality Day Breakfast. Goddard suggested that she had recently heard Michelle Gaithers-Clark, director at United Way, speak at a work related meeting. She was impressed and suggested that she may be a good speaker for the Equality Day Breakfast.

Domestic Violence Committee

Commissioner White shared that she didn't have anything to report.

Education Committee

Chair position vacant.

Women and Equality Committee

Chair Goddard reiterated Commissioner Jimerson's regretful resignation.

Health Committee

Commissioner Sevier shared that she had reached out to Nora Jones, coordinator of an upcoming conference on June 24, adding that she was asked to be a speaker at the conference. She offered that the Commission was in a position to support via marketing. Sevier added that she had also approached Jones about serving on the Health Committee. She stressed the importance of raising awareness about self-advocacy, that it could be accomplished via a summit or series and she invited all to support and be a part of the initiative.

Sevier added that she was named the AARP State President for the State of North Carolina and had just returned from an orientation in DC. In North Carolina, there were 1.1 million members, and they were the largest veteran association. On a state level they were committed to advocating for legislative change and offered examples of issues related to wage equity, caregiver initiatives and retirement plans. On a Federal level they were committed to making some sense of the current plans with healthcare moving forward. Sevier added that while she would be traveling more, she was committed to supporting the CSW and the local community here.

Commissioner Henry asked her to reserve the date of June 8 for the Fifty Plus Forum. Sevier added again that she was committed to supporting CSW.

Services to the Aging

Commissioner Jasper-Morant shared that the event was successful, she was thankful for the supporting partners, and that she was looking forward to the June 8 Fifty Plus Forum. Commissioner Sevier suggested that Cara Townsend with the AARP would be a good contact. Henry said that the letters would go out the following day, that vendors would be asked to bring a donated door prize.

Leadership Through Service Committee

Chair Goddard shared that their next event, scheduled for May 20, was in process. It would be geared towards former offenders that were women, speakers were being lined up. She also announced that the June 12 WorkSmart event with AAUW was still scheduled.

Henry asked if all received her email about the elder walk and advised that she would send out another reminder.

Staff Report

Love Crossling announced that she had first shared an upcoming change to staff reports at the retreat, adding that it would include follow up on requests from commissioners. Crossling also reminded commissioners that she was always open to meeting with commissioners about programming in the case that Jodie Stanley's schedule was too full.

Crossling announced the upcoming Mental Health Fair on May 13 and the Fair Housing Luncheon the following day, which was focused on restoring established homes in Greensboro and that Commissioner Sevier would be a speaker at the event.

Commissioner Henry asked if a banker would speak. Crossling advised that all of the speakers were residents and homeowners in Greensboro. Henry stated that Guilford County offered a \$15,000 down payment for the purchase of an established home.

Crossling extended her gratitude to the commissioners for regarding the advice of staff with respect and consideration, adding that it lent to good order, good relationships and productivity.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March Minutes

Motion 1st: Commissioner Jasper-Morant

Motion 2nd: Commissioner White

Unanimous approval

VII. Announcements

Hughes announced a breast cancer awareness walk/event at a local high school. She promised to email details.

Because some people did not hear the announcement, Chair Goddard announced again that Commissioner Jimerson resigned from the Commission.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion 1st: Commissioner Jasper-Morant

Motion 2nd: Commissioner White

Unanimous approval

Chair Goddard adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Chairperson
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Approved: _____
Date