



Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2019

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 101H at the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center, with Chair Deborah Goddard presiding.

Present: Chair Goddard, Vice Chair Morant, Commissioners Walston, Cutler, Martin, Reaves, Lucas-Patrick

Absent: Commissioner Sevier

Council Liaison:

HRC Liaison:

Human Relations Department Staff: Love Jones, Jodie Stanley

Visitors: Raleigh Stout, Jaime Osterling

I. Call to Order

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Moment of Silent Meditation

Chair Goddard welcomed all and called for a moment of silent meditation.

III. Introduction of Visitors and Speakers:

Chair Goddard invited Jaime to introduce herself. She shared that she attended as part of her public service requirement in her class. Goddard also welcomed Raleigh Stout with the Dunleith Neighborhood.

IV. Committee Reports

Chair Goddard shared that Maria Harkins, a former speaker at a CSW meeting several prior, shared that Maria had contacted her and asked to present more in depth about human trafficking. She would be speaking at the June meeting. She announced that they would also be welcoming a new commissioner, Roslynn ChouChan who would undergo orientation the following day.

Domestic Violence Committee:

Chair Goddard shared that Commissioner Reaves wanted to do a June event.

Education and Equality Committee:

Goddard shared that Commissioner Lucas-Patrick would host an event June 18 and was planning to work to get a better attendance at the next event.

As far as the Equality Day Breakfast, they were seeking performers for the breakfast.

Health and Wellness Committee:

Commissioners Morant shared that their committee would meet again to discuss the program set up. Morant shared that Stanley had shared the event flyer. She wanted to see if they could put their flyer in the Carolina Peacemaker, they were going to see how much that would cost. She already had a list of about 22 vendors that had agreed to participate and were hoping to now drum up interest in the event and make sure that people from the neighborhood would attend.

Women Leading through Service Committee:

Chair Goddard announced that they had about 28 people in attendance at the last LeadHerShip event and the evaluations showed good feedback. She wasn't sure what the next step was for this committee but would keep the commissioners informed.

Staff Report:

Dr. Jones stated that she had recently met with Parks and Recreation Department Director Nasha McCray, who was responsible for the Ruth Wicker Displays. McCray was seeking nominations for people to serve on a volunteer committee with a two-year term. The goal was to develop a memorandum of understanding, which would be presented to CSW and the Parks and Recreation Department for review, as their desire was to allow CSW to vet the types of displays that would be accepted in the space.

Jones reminded them about the Fair Housing Luncheon: From Shelters to Schools, which was scheduled for the following day. Staff had lined up an exciting list of speakers. Unfortunately registration had closed at this time.

Chair Goddard thanked Stanley for sending the distribution list, it had been sent to the group for review. Goddard also asked staff to reorder some promotional items with the CSW logo for distribution. Stanley shared that they had already ordered chapstick but staff would be happy to order more travel mugs, or ceramic mugs. Commissioners agreed that a purple ceramic mug. Jones also suggested that it may be a good time to think about larger promotional items that could be offered to guest speakers.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the March 2019 Minutes

Motion 1st: Commissioner Morant

Motion 2nd: Commissioner Martin

Unanimous approval

Dr. Jones suggested that it would be a good time to discuss the timing of their CSW retreat, which would ideally take place before the end of the fiscal year. The benefit in meeting as a single commission is that they wouldn't have to navigate the flexibility of other commissioners' availability. She asked for feedback about suggestions of times so that staff could send a Doodle to assess their availability.

Goddard shared that she was fairly flexible. Cutler suggested that she would prefer having a retreat after a regular meeting. Goddard said it depended on how long the meeting would take, she was available on Friday afternoons and Saturdays. Jones suggested that it was important to consider what content they wanted to include. She stated that staff would send an email with two preliminary questions: one to seek feedback on the time, another to determine the topics they wanted to cover.

Commissioner Walston asked what type of topics they should suggest, whether it should be personal development, or what they wanted to see for the Commission. Goddard deferred to Jones to respond. Jones shared that it was always a balance of the two.

Goddard shared that in former commission retreats, they engaged with the other commissioners and received perspective from others and got to know each other. It was her opinion that they have a thoughtful discussion about programming, what would be effective and what should they address going forward.

Morant announced that the Health and Aging Committee could use some volunteer assistance from the other commissioners on June 13. Walston asked for the time, Morant stated that it was from 9 am to 1 pm. Goddard suggested that it might be helpful to break down a schedule and list of responsibilities and perhaps they could help by covering for a few hours.

Goddard asked for any other announcements or concerns from anyone else. She noted that she had sent an email about an event on May 1, she knew that Commissioner Sevier would be able to attend and Goddard was hopeful that others could attend. She thanked commissioners for supporting each other's events.

Jones suggested that it might be helpful for this group to sign up for a newsletter called PolicyLink. She noted a recent email containing information about family support rights in California. In several states, when child support was paid, not all of it made its way to the hands of children, some of it went to pay taxes and other fees. Jones suggested single mothers who were financially dependent on child support would be detrimentally impacted by this policy, and this was a good example of a way that CSW could effect genuine change in the community. She stated that PolicyLink was a great way to stay abreast of relevant issues.

VI. Absences

Reaves

Sevier

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion 1st: Commissioner Morant

Motion 2nd: Commissioner Cutler

Unanimous Approval

Chair Goddard adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Chairperson
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Approved: _____
Date