



ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: June 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin, Chair, Erin Walker, Vice Chair, Katie Werner, Secretary, Joanna Colvin, Juanita Nether, Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Cynthia Brown, Aging & Human Services Division Manager, and Debra Kane as staff liaison member and Jamie Kane (guest speaker)

ABSENT Jennifer Brown, Brenda Scheufele, and Beth Knisley

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the May 7, 2018 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Erin Walker

Second: Joanna Colvin

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to order lunch from Smokey Joe's not to exceed \$12.00 per person.

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Beth Knisley

For: All

Against: None

Notes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
June 18, 2018

Norma Pipkin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Members present were: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley and Juanita Nether. Also present were Cynthia Brown and Debra Kane. Jennifer Brown, Mary Ludwig and Brenda Scheufele were unable to attend the meeting.

Jamie Kane, a student of social work at Salisbury State University (Southern Maryland Higher Ed Center) attended the meeting and discussed her class project from last semester and her hopes to implement some of the aspects of the project. She is currently looking to have an event during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) in 2019. Her thoughts are to have a 5k at Lancaster Park. Members of the Commission were able to give her some contacts and helpful hints.

Minutes and Notes - Erin Walker moved and Joanna Colvin seconded that the minutes and notes from the May 7, 2018 meeting be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor of the motion.

Budget - Debby Kane reported that we are waiting to pay 4imprint. Cynthia Brown paid \$355.00 out of her budget for some of the items we ordered. Cynthia expects our budget to stay the same as 2017-2018, but our 2018-2019 budget has not been reduced to writing.

Healthy Relationships - Bill Mitchell was in the county the week of June 1st to give presentations to each of the public high schools and an evening presentation for the general public. There were a lot of students attending at Chopticon High School; it started at 12:30 and the principal was very involved. The following day was Leonardtown High School; there were not as many students in attendance. The final day was Great Mills High School; there were a lot of students in attendance but not as much focus - it didn't feel like there was administration support like there had been at Chopticon and Leonardtown. On Wednesday night Mr. Mitchell gave the public presentation and there were not many people in attendance, however, there was a group of homeschool students in attendance. After each presentation Mr. Mitchell was approached by someone. They will be meeting next week to start planning for next year.

Old Business

League of Women Voters and NAACP - Norma Pipkin and several other members attended the primary candidate forum; Norma indicated how impressed she was with the forum.

Presentation of Books to the Library - Norma Pipkin and Erin Walker presented the books we ordered to the library in Lexington Park. There were approximately 30 books that we purchased and donated to the library; a list of the books is attached to our agenda.

Wear Orange, June 2nd from 4-6 at Great Mills High School - Juanita Nether reported that the event was well organized but not well attended. There was information available about gun safety and they were giving away locks. The event was not well advertised.

Presentation of the Scholarship Check - On June 5th the scholarship check was presented to the College of Southern Maryland at a County Commissioner Meeting. Marta Kelsey had prepared a short press release; Cynthia Brown will follow-up with Sarah about getting the press release out.

Listening Tour - Cynthia Brown has been in contact with the Sherriff's Office. Statistics she received regarding partner violence: 2015 there were 482 calls, 2016 there were 465 calls and in 2017 there were 401 calls. She has not received a response from Maryland State Police.

New Business

Nominations - Diane Danaher sent out the proposed slate of officers at the beginning of May. The slate will be presented at our retreat on July 14th; nominations will also be entertained from the floor.

Retreat - There are no new members (only reappointments). Juanita Nether is working on planning the event and is looking at doing a recap, brainstorming (successes and changes), scheduling, Ted Talks (suggested by Marta Kelsey). She is still working on the schedule but does want to keep it flexible. Mrs. Maryland, Jill Short, will be there around 11 for a presentation and will be asked to stay for lunch. Juanita will be reaching out to members to help with the segments. Juanita will get the plan finalized and send out to everyone for review.

Beth Knisley is hosting the retreat at her home and will send out directions to her house prior to the event. She suggested ordering food from Smokey Joe's; it will cost \$10-\$12 per person, this way no one will have to bring a side or dish. Her husband has graciously agreed to pick it up for us. Marta Kelsey moved and Beth Knisley seconded that we order lunch for our retreat from Smokey Joe's not to exceed \$12 per person. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supplies - None of the 4imprint items have been ordered, waiting for a purchase order. Debby Kane will try to have them for the retreat.

"Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Non-Violence" - This is the theme for 2019 Women's History Month. Now is the time to start thinking about a Lifetime Achievement Award winner that hopefully fits with the theme.

SMART Presentation - SMART wanted to give a presentation to the Commission. They are an organization about being safe with guns and are just getting on their feet. They are associated with "Moms Demand Action" which Melissa Willey is now active with.

Chesapeake Bay Report Card - Marta Kelsey had copies of the Chesapeake Bay Report Card for anyone who wanted to take one and review.

Upcoming Events:

June 20, 2018 – presentation at Sotterley.

June 21, 2018 – Commission on Aging at 6:00 p.m.; also The Longest Table is being presented by St. Mary's County Library.

July 14, 2018 - Annual Retreat at Beth Knisley's house from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

August 18, 2018 – Listening Tour Recap (Statewide Results). Sandie Greene is interested in attending and would like to carpool if possible.

Marta Kelsey moved and Diane Danaher seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

OUR NEXT MEETING IS July 14, 2018 (ANNUAL RETREAT)

9:00 A.M., BETH KNISLEY'S HOME

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