

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: August 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

PRESENT: Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley, Diane Danaher, Mary Ludwig, Brenda Scheufele, Cynthia Brown (Division Manager), and Debra Kane.

ABSENT: Norma Pipkin, Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, and Juanita Nether

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the July 14, 2018 meeting minutes and notes to accept as amended. (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Beth Knisley

Second: Mary Ludwig

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to nominate Judge Karen Abrams for the Lifetime Achievement Award for the 2019 Commission for Women Banquet.

By: Mary Ludwig

Second: Marta Kelsey

For: All

Against: None

Item # 3

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

By: Diane Danaher

Second: Marta Kelsey

For: All

Against: None

Notes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
August 20, 2018

Erin Walker called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Members present were: Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley, Mary Ludwig and Brenda Scheufele. Also present were Cynthia Brown and Debra Kane. Norma Pipkin (Chair), Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin and Juanita Nether were unable to attend the meeting.

Minutes and Notes - Beth Knisley moved and Mary Ludwig seconded that the minutes and notes from the July 14, 2018 Annual Retreat be accepted as amended. All voted in favor of the motion.

Budget - From our budget to date: food and gifts for Retreat; payment is pending to the Southern Maryland High Ed Center to reserve for our Banquet.

Family Violence Coordinating Council - Mary Ludwig announced that Walden has been privatized: Project Chesapeake. A fatality review was conducted. The status of Yvonne Dawkins at St. Mary's Hospital was discussed. The next meeting is in October.

Healthy Relationships - Marta Kelsey noted that the meeting on the 15th was disappointing. One Love is a program developed that's interactive with workshops and materials. Mr. Wyant is interested in this program - it is flexible. On September 17, 18, 19 and 20 the Cause Theater will go to all Middle Schools and give an interactive presentation on Healthy Relationships. If you're able to help on one of these dates it would be greatly appreciated; please let Marta know. All will start at 8:30 a.m. and last for about an hour. Topics such as how to help a friend, when to approach and not approach will be included. joinonlove.org is the website if you'd like more information. Cynthia Brown indicated that she was impressed with the presentation; that it felt like a movement and would like to see St. Mary's County get involved. The next meeting is in September.

Veteran's Day - Mary Ludwig and Beth Knisley will organize. They plan on scheduling a meeting with the activities director and look for ideas; perhaps cookies and punch served in a room where we can talk and interact with the residents.

Banquet - Marta Kelsey is planning. Katie Werner presented information/a brief biography of Judge Karen Abrams. Mary Ludwig moved and Marta Kelsey seconded that Judge Abrams be the recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award. All voted in favor of the motion. We still need a speaker; if you have anyone in mind please let Marta Kelsey know. The biggest challenge will be nominees - this brings awareness to the work they do and ticket sales flow from nominations. Cynthia Brown and Debra Kane will get pricing for Save the Date cards. Beth Knisley and Brenda Scheufele indicated that they will help with write-ups. Diane Danaher will not be on the Commission by the time the Banquet gets here but will help in whatever way she can.

Old Business

Supplies - They have arrived and been handed out.

New Business

Upcoming Events:

August 21, 2018 - Congressman Hoyer's Women's Equality Day Luncheon.

August 25, 2018 - Back to School Event at Great Mills High School has been **POSTPONED**.

August 28, 2018 - Women's Equality Day Proclamation.

September 5, 2018 - Listening Tour Follow-Up Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Strategic Plan.

September 17, 2018 - Commission for Women Meeting.

October 2, 2018 - League of Women Voter's Candidate Forum.

October 15, 2018 - Commission for Women Meeting.

October 16, 2018 - League of Women Voter's Candidate Forum.

October 25, 2018 - Interfaith Domestic Violence Conference (8:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. in Annapolis)

November 19, 2018 - Commission for Women Meeting.

December 10, 2018 - Commission for Women Meeting/Holiday Gathering.

January 14, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting.

February 11, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting.

Diane Danaher moved and Marta Kelsey seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS September 15, 2018
5:30 P.M., POTOMAC BUILDING, ROOM 14**

SEE YOU THEN ☺