



**Calvert County Commission for Women
Minutes
July 16, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order: Chair Joan Winship called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Joan Winship, Margaret Dunkle, Kathryn Marsh, Nadine Hunt, Suzanne Haynes, Ariane Odom

Commission Members Absent: Carol Harvat, Gloria Della

Associate Commissioners Present: Crystal Jordan

Associate Commissioners Absent: Jacqueline Niles

Guest: Elizabeth Rockenbaugh

Approval of Agenda: The proposed agenda was adopted by consensus.

Approval of May Minutes: Secretary Harvat was on travel and the approval of the May minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Chair Winship shared a preliminary year-end financial report for fiscal 2020, noting that some outstanding 2020 expenses have yet to be charged. The CCCW budget for Fiscal 2021 is expected to be \$4,950.

Report of the Chair: Chair Joan Winship

Title IX Inquiry: Noting that the 50th anniversary of Title IX is in less than two years (June 23, 2022), the Commission discussed both the specific Title IX issue raised by a parent and the centrality of Title IX generally to the purpose of CCCW. It was generally agreed to consider the development of a Title IX advocacy plan at the August CCCW Strategic Planning Meeting. Initial steps suggested for this plan might include asking CCPS to brief (via Zoom) CCCW on the substantive issues of the inquiry (i.e., fair access of girls to Northern HS tennis courts) as well as broader Title IX issues that have been raised and/or resolved in CCPS. Additional possible steps suggested were holding Title IX events or forums and asking CCPS to do a self-assessment of Title IX progress and issues.

Membership: Commissioner Suzanne Haynes reported that she would be moving to Anne Arundel County in 2021, and would still like to be involved with CCCW as an Associate Member after her move. Chair Winship reported that Associate Commissioner Jackie Niles is moving to Richmond.

Dowell House CCCW Office: Chair Winship and Vice Chair Odom reported that the NAACP has contacted the County, asking for office and archival space. They recently inspected the CCCW office space at Dowell House, noting that this space (now that it has been cleaned out) is more than adequate for CCCW needs. They recommended sharing this space with the NAACP, with CCCW members concurring.

Program Updates

Domestic Violence Webinar: Chair Winship reported that the You-Tube link to the June 15, 2020 Domestic Violence Webinar is now available on the website of Calvert Library, which cosponsored this event. CCCW members also discussed the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the prevalence and reporting of domestic violence and child abuse.

Women of the World (WOW) Awards Event: Chair Winship reported that the 2020 WOW Planning Committee will meet next week. In light of the status of the Covid-19 Pandemic, it is likely that the alternate WOW date of September 10, 2020, at the Rod 'n Reel, will not work and that celebrating 2020 awardees will be rolled into the 2021 WOW event, planned for April 17, 2021 at the Rod 'n Reel. Chair Winship reported that she has a list of people who have already paid for the 2020 WOW event through the LWV website/payment system (and who asked that their ticket purchase roll over, rather than receiving a refund).

Outstanding Achievement Awards: Award plaques for the 2020 Awardees have been ordered and purchased in anticipation of whenever the next WOW will be held.

Women's Health Expo: The May 2020 Women's Health Expo, in partnership with the County Health Department and Calvert Heath, has tentatively been deferred to September 28. However, in light of the pandemic, it is unlikely this September date will work. At this point, the expectation is that the next Women's Health Expo will be in May 2021, at a date to be determined.

Clothes Closet: Vice Chair Odom reported that the Clothes Closet is on hold, due to the pandemic and the closure of St. Paul's Parish House. At this point, the Clothes Closet can neither distribute clothes nor accept donations.

Communications, Media and Public Relations – Facebook: Commissioner Kathryn Marsh reported that the CCCW Facebook page is almost ready to go.

I Can Forums: Commissioner March reported that she is planning future *I Can* Forums as Zoom events, with a link from Facebook and the CCCW website.

Permanent Harriet Elizabeth Brown Recreation and Community Center: Chair Winship reported that she had sent a letter to the members of the Board of County Commissioners conveying strong CCCW support for construction of a *permanent* Harriet Elizabeth Brown Recreation and Community Center. Commissioner Dunkle reported that there is increasing support for a *permanent* Center, and that it is important for our elected officials to hear from citizens about the importance of this Center.

Calvert Library Discussion – *The Island of Sea Women*: Chair Winship reported that Calvert Library has asked CCCW to cosponsor an upcoming discussion with the author of the new One Maryland One Book selection, *The Island of Sea Women*, featuring a presentation by the author Lisa See. Date is yet to be determined.

Planning for the August CCCW Retreat: After some discussion, it was agreed to hold the annual CCCW Planning Retreat by Zoom on Thursday, August 20, 2020, with the following agenda: 6:00-6:30-Informal Discussion; 6:30-9:00 or 9:30-Review of Programs and Planning and Identifying Plans for 2020-21. In order to make the most of available time, the Chair will provide a format for Commissioners to send short written summaries of each program area for which they are responsible, with a focus on what worked, what didn't, and suggestions for 2020-21. With several membership vacancies, it was also suggested that each CCCW member come to the Retreat with the names of two possible new CCCW members. It was also agreed to invite the several people who have already indicated an interest in considering joining the Commission to participate in the Retreat.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dunkle
CCCW Member and Acting Secretary