



# Calvert County Commission for Women

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### Minutes

September 17, 2020, 8:00 pm

Online Zoom Meeting

**Call to order:** 8:10 p.m. by Chair J. Winship

**Attendance:**

Commissioners: Chair Joan Winship, Vice Chair Ariane Odom, Secretary Carol Harvat, Treasurer , Katherine Marsh, Margaret Dunkle, Suzanne Hayes

Associate commissioners: Crystal Jordan

Candidate commissioners: Lisa Stallings, Brenda Streat and Anna Grabowska sitting in on meeting

Absent: Gloria Della, Diane Bell, Nadine Hunt

**Approval of Agenda:** Dunkle approved, Marsh seconded, motion was approved.

**Approval of July Minutes:** Marsh approved, Harvat second, motion was approved.

**Reappointments:** Winship reviewed Commission approval of reappointment applications for Odom, Harvat and Marsh. CCCW approved recommending each for reappointment as Commissioner. Commission also approved the application of S. Haynes for appointment to Associate Commissioner. She has already served as a Full Commissioner since 2000.

**Treasurer's Report:** We did not have financials from last month.; expenses for OAA and Health Expo are still to be reallocated to 2019-20 budget

**Updates:** Winship: Title IX advisory committee is still in works, we have names from the schools to contac.

## **Programming**

**Domestic Violence Event:** Odom reported that the event will be virtual; clothesline project will be up at Health Dept. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> There will be social media platforms through the Health Dept./Crisis Intervention Center. Commissioners were asked to post on their social media pages, and light up purple bulbs campaign (DV awareness color). The CCCW and CIC will have virtual event via zoom; and will have weekly DV awareness posts during October. The Board of County Commissioners will issue a Proclamation on Sept. 29 declaring October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Calvert County. Marsh will post DV info on new CCCW Facebook page. Odom just heard that the purple light bulbs are no longer available this year and she is looking for someone to donate light bulbs; last year they distributed 100, we'd like to distribute again

**Clothes Closet** – Odom noted that currently St. Paul’s Church is closed so Clothes Closet is closed. The Church has written guidelines to follow when they open up. The CCW push now is to give out the current inventory and not accept donations when first open up in order to create more space. The inventory is full, the condition of the clothes are fine.

**Facebook page:** Marsh said CCCW page is now up; the page is open to friends, she is looking for photos, news clippings, and info to post on the page. There is a Youtube link up for upcoming library event.

**HEB center:** Dunkle – noted that she is pleased that the BOCC is putting money in the County budget for the process of developing a permanent center next fiscal year. She encouraged CCCW members to work at getting the community together to participate in planning process. There will be a status report on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. She encourages the public to get involved. We need creative ideas as to how to run activities with social distance policies.

**I CAN Series:** Marsh – will send out Survey Monkey to begin taping CCCW members and others in the community. This will allow I CAN to be virtual, collecting videos of professionals. She will have a 5 min. recording from everyone; and will give an outline to answer questions about one’s career; i.e. how you got into career field and your experiences, advice to offer.

**MLAW** – Winship – noted that it will be virtual this year; details will be forwarded about attending. The date scheduled is Saturday, November 14, 2020. Marsh spoke about bills pertaining to child injuries, and DV homicides.

**Maryland Humanities and Calvert Library event:** Winship – The annual One Maryland One Book programs encourages everyone to read and discuss same book. Calvert Library will host a virtual discussion with Lisa See, the author of the 2020 selected book “The Island of Sea Women” about women divers off the Korean Coast. Chair Winship introduced the Chair of the Maryland Commission for Women, Yun Jung Yang to the Library and she was selected to moderate the event. The CCCW and the Maryland Commission for Women are partner sponsors for this Calvert Library and Maryland Humanities discussion.

**Networking Event:** Winship – currently on hold due to corona virus.

**New Offering Podcast:** Marsh told commissioners about a new podcast she and a colleague have begun called “No Grey Zone” that deals with issues of sexual consent, child explotations, trafficking and Title IX changes. Marsh said they are training school employees on changes in Title IX and how to investigate sexual harassment claims; Marsh said that state stats show the degree of domestic violence has increased dramatically while the numbers of incidents are about the same as last year.

**WOW** – Winship reminded everyone that the annual Women of the World is postponed until Saturday, April 17, 2021. It will be at Rod n Reel Restaurant ; all the awardees are in place. Maryland Commission for Women chair, Yun Jung Yang is the scheduled Keynote Speaker.

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month:** Odom - Nothing has been scheduled for sexual assault awareness events for the annual April program. They are waiting to see what happens and will work with Crisis Intervention again

**Health Expo:** Hanyes - Assume we will have it again in May 2021, but it all depends on our partner organizations, Calvert Health Hospital and the CC Health Department and the status of the pandemic at the time.

**Forums** – in limbo at this time; still considering how to address opioid crisis and take back unused medications and program ideas for young moms.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Carol Harvat/ Secretary