

**CALVERT COUNTY**  
*Maryland*  
**Commission for Women**

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Calvert County Commission for Women Monthly Meeting**  
**January 19, 2023**  
**[Zoom – 7:00p]**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chair J. Winship

**Attendees:**

- Members Present (via Zoom): Joan Winship, Margaret Dunkle, Anna Grabowska, Diana Wharton, Brenda Streat, Alisha Sepsey, Kathryn Marsh, Kelli Couvillon
- Absent: Amber Yates, Denyonne Corley, Lisa Stallings, Sierra Mitchell
- Associates Present: Susan Hayes, Sheri Tardioli, Leila Boyer
- Associates Absent: Diane Bell, Amber Yates, Adriane Clark
- Ovserver: Jennifer Moreland

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Grabowska, seconded by Dunkle. Approved.

**Approval of November minutes:** Not available.

**Treasurer's/Financial report** – Report given by Treasurer B. Streat. Winship reported that she met with Moreland and Budget officer to discuss CCCW budget for 2024-25 FY

**Chair's Report**

We are excited to be back in 2023 and have a full agenda of events for the year. Marsh will do the general meeting and relieve Winship post travel and covid.

**Legislative Action:** MLAW - the agenda has been sent for the general assembly. MLAW sought input on 15 Bills presented at their annual conference. The CCCW voted and submitted its order of priorities. \* 8 Bills were bills were selected by MLAW. Members of the Commission were encouraged to follow updates of the General Assembly this session. Moreland informed the group that county commissioners can be informed of concern/support for bills and they may often as a Board sign off on individual bills

**Upcoming Programs:**

**Women of the World (WOW):** Winship reported on the program for WOW which will be held virtually on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. Nominations from the community were received for all categories; this year there were only a few for Woman of Tomorrow. Discussion was held about how to generate more nominations. This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WOW and the key theme is: *Celebrate WOW at 20!!* topic. The Calvert Library is now an official partner and the videographer on standby to start taping.

**Financial Literacy:** Sierra is currently out, hence the event has been postponed to make sure we can get organized. Streat reported that they are looking for a new materials and presenters to help with the programs.

**History Fair:** Boyer reported that the CCPS have received the Commission's support funds. We are waiting to hear more about research projects that fall within the Women's History and Title IX categories.

**Clothes Closet:** Streat reported that there has been an increase in traffic and ladies are coming in to get things. There are inquiries from St. Mary's County as well. Now there is a need for actual clothing – the inventory is down. We need mostly career clothing sizes 12 to 20.

She will be coordinating Clothes Closet participation in the Annual Community Resource Day on March 17<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 6 pm in Prince Frederick. This will be open house and she will need folks to come out to help out.

**Sexual Assault Awareness**– April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Library. This will be a book discussion on “Know My Name” by Chanel Miller. Marsh is coordinating the event.

**Social Media** –J Moreland is working on making sure we can still utilize the YouTube or Insta feeds.

**Women's Health Expo** –Winship reported that **the CCCCW** will be partnering again with Calvert Health and the Health Department. The date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for 2-6 pm at the Hospital with a rain date of May 16<sup>th</sup>. More plans will be developed shortly; publicity has already started. New addis in development to make sure it goes into the Keep Well magazine.

**I Can** : Given we now have some kind of ability to use the county resources of social media, we will try to get a 10 to 15 minute shorts or lives to get posted on YouTube or Insta. Marsh will work with Moreland on getting the County to coordinate with the Commission to post these tapings.

**Career Building:** A. Sepsey is working with the Library is working for a series of programs, “Working Wednesdays”. Information will also be posted on Social Media for the county for dates: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 till 730PM

**Human Trafficking:** The CCCW has not held new programming on trafficking but will try to repost the panel discussion from last year on YouTube to report on our Social Media.

**Polling** : Sepsey submitted a draft for a county-wide poll that would provide information for the Commission for Women and its work. Moreland has reviewed. A small group will review and revise for possible polling this spring. Winship will coordinate a zoom for this purpose.

**Harriet Elizabeth Brown Center:** Parks and Rec is set to represent a report to the Board of County Commissioners on status and requirements. Real issue is to keep the process moving, while the cost estimate has grown. Dunkle reported that the additional funds will require "creativity," since the cost is more than originally anticipated.

**Title IX:** Information is pending on potential activities for April 27<sup>th</sup> when colleges will support “College Awareness Day”. Marsh will follow up.

**Potential CCCW Brochure:** Progressing

**Networking:** N/A

**Ongoing Recognition of the contributions and achievements of girls and women:** N/A

**Other:** N/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm will a motion from Dunkle, seconded by Streat. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by A Grabowska, Acting Secretary