



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

September 23, 2013

Mayor's Large Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Ruth Ann Hepler, Roshanda Jackson, Donna Kulda, Pixie Larizza, Gail Patin, K.C. Padgett, Shirley Leckie Reed, Dr. Ann Williams, Sabrina Simmons, Liza Julao

Absent: Patt Sher, Keri Kidder, Tongelia Milton, Dr. Shahla Masood

Staff: Alaina Reaves

I. Pixie Larizza, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm

II. Welcome and introductions

III. Minutes Annual Retreat, August 19th, 2013

- a. Minutes we amended to include the responsibilities of the secretary of the Commission.
- b. Gail Patin was not present
- c. Dr. Ann accepts minutes and Shirley Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Chair's Report

a. Resignation of Tongelia Milton & new secretary vote

- i. Majority of votes Ruth Ann
- ii. Votes also for Dr. Williams

b. RSVP count for Women UP

- i. Donna suggested that Commissioners follow-up with invitees and get feedback

c. Donations update

- i. Commissioner donations of \$25: Donna Kulda, Oleta Riggs, Roshanda Jackson, Ruth Simmons, KC Padgett, Pixie
- ii. Pixie will make purchases with the \$100 cash

d. Review of past MCSW budgets (Women's History Month event)

- i. March \$2,100
- ii. Dr. Ann asked about responses to donation letter

e. Email policy

- i. All e-mails between Commissioners must cc: the staff liaison Alaina, areaves@coj.net

V. Committee Chair Reports

a. Update from Donna and Shirley on 1st Florida conference of Commission on the Status of Women Sept 19-20

i. Donna

1. Jacksonville Chapter very active compared to some other chapters
2. Ex. One Commission has a fundraiser for Mother's Day that honors the mothers, have people nominate a mother that exemplifies the best motherhood at \$100 an application
3. Tampa partnered with League of Women Voters for events.
4. Some Commissions are very issue-oriented

ii. Dr. Leckie Reed wrote a report about the conference that included some of the best practices.

1. Quarterly meetings or having meetings available online
2. Made connections with elected officials and highlight issues.
3. Leon County has a commission on women and girls

iii. National Women's Commission in Sarasota July 24, 2014

iv. Roshanda asked will the Commission more become issue-oriented. And there was discussion about the events and outreach being more important that fighting every issue. The Commission will use the Women Up! Event to glean issues. Pat Sherr asked what our role would be, and Pixie suggested the Advocacy Committee develop a game plan. Roshanda asked how we can merge the education and policy. Pixie suggested Roshanda possibly write a paragraph on domestic violence for October.

1. Pixie – when making the calendar we can list events with specific cause ex. domestic violence and sponsor those events to bring awareness.

b. Advocacy and Education Committee

i. Pixie will print header cards:

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| 1. Education | 5. Economic Issues |
| 2. Healthcare | 6. Other |
| 3. Women's Right | 7. Calendar of Events |
| 4. Community Concerns | |

ii. Supply List: Bowl for cards, sticky notes

c. Celebration Committee – Needs new Chair

- i. Crackers, Dips and chips, mini water bottles
- ii. Pixie will make a price list

d. Communications Committee

- i. Please send bios and headshots to Alaina for the website
- ii. Pixie - the \$250 from Genie James is not for Women Up! This is a MSCW sponsored event
- iii. Donna – we did not vote on sponsors, but there's no time to have all sponsors speak. Dr. Ann did not believe the money from Genie James was not for Women Up.
- iv. Shirley – Jeanette Toohey from UNF wants to make a donation in honor of a co-worker who passed mysteriously, suddenly, is it possible for her to speak in remembrance of her late co-worker. Since no sponsors will be speaking, Ms. Toohey would be allowed acknowledgement on the program.
- v. Commissioners will follow-up with the contacts from the Directory to invite to Women Up!

VI. Liaison's Report

a. Review of MCSW budget past three years

b. List of past WHM poster honorees

- i. List of past honorees provided at meeting

VII. Old Business

i. Networking Event Agenda DRAFT

ii. Logistics for Event – All Committees

- 1. Send questions to Alaina to distribute to group

iii. Dorothy Pitman Hughes 75th Birthday Celebration - Mayoral Proclamation, October 2nd 2013, 11:30am till 12:30pm. Lynwood Roberts Room

- 1. Sponsoring event. We lent our name, and will assist with planning and preparation. One Commissioner should be on the Dorothy Hughes Planning Board to come back and report.

iv. Events to Sponsor / Support

- 1. Mother's in Prison, Children in Crisis COPs(Children of Prison Survive)
- 2. Advocacy Campaign for nonviolent offenses
- 3. Middle/ High Schools included for Women's History Month
- 4. Holy Rock
 - a. Dr. Ann will send information to have her speak
 - b. Purity support youth program
 - c. Captain Jax Cheerleaders
- 5. Toys 4 Joy Dec. 14

VIII. New Business

a. Women's History Month – date of March 18th, 2014 – UNF Carpenter Library

- i. Donna motions to sponsor this event, Liza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Gen W – April 4th

- i. If 2 Commissioners are present, it is a public meeting, and must have a public notice.
- ii. If we are not on the planning committee, the Commission can have a table.

IX. Chair's Closing Remarks

a. Fundraising

b. Getting people to WOMEN UP!

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07