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COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2020, 6:45 pm
WebEx Meeting ID Meeting number (access code): 477 681 101
Meeting password: S6FfMJ3C2nF

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Mary Hastler, Chair at 6:48 p.m.

2. Attendance:

Attending

Mary Hastler, Chair
Joy Christmas
Shantia Fitzgerald
Kristi Halford
Roslyn Hannibal-Booker
Helen Mearns
Bonnie Miranda
Cathy Ohler
Mary Teddy Wray
Robin Tomechko

Absent

Jill Hamilton, Vice Chair
Alison Imhoff
Nafisabanu Multani
Robin Walker

DCS Staff

Sylvia Bryant

3. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes from April 27, 2020, were presented and approved by unanimous vote.

4. Chairwoman's Report: Chair Hastler provided an update on the status of pushing out on social networking the importance of the mail vote. Ballots are due back by June 2 and two drop boxes are available beginning May 22 at the McFaul Center and Board of Elections Office. It is critical that voters understand the mail ballot is a real ballot and the only way for them to vote this year.

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- 5. Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Sylvia Bryant
Located the Maryland Women's Commission Listening Tour report and will forward to the commission. The Women of Tomorrow honorees will be receiving their checks and certificates soon.

- 6. Committee Updates:**
 - A. Governance Committee – Chair Cathy Ohler
No update and the Chair will be reviewing the updated brochure prepared by Sylvia.

 - B. Membership Development Committee – Chair Jill Hamilton
No report this month

 - C. Women of Tomorrow – Chair Mary Teddy Wray
If the HCPS system does not open until December or January 2021, should the Commission cancel the Women of Tomorrow awards for 2021 due to insufficient time to nominate the honorees. The Commission will monitor the HCPS and make a determination when the schools announce reopening.

 - D. Community Conversations - Chair Roslyn Hannibal-Booker
 - a. Voting – Upcoming Primary – The Board of Elections is interested in participating in the Webinar the Commission wants to host on Wednesday, May 27, 6:45 pm. Roslyn will follow up with the Board of Elections to see if this date and time works. Sylvia will coordinate flyers that will be distributed throughout the county and also the social networking component.
 - b. Healthcare – COVID-19 – The Commission decided to schedule the Healthcare webinar in August and will reach out to the Johns Hopkins University presenter. Bonnie suggested we include County health resources and the group suggested linking in Upper Chesapeake Health. Joy volunteered to help Roslyn and Kristi suggested including the faith-based community as a vehicle to disseminate the webinar information. The goal is to provide information about COVID-19 and its effect on minority populations, discuss the possibility of the virus mutating, encouraging well checks, immunizations, etc. Hopefully, more will be known about COVID-19 and its continuing impact by August. Roslyn reminded the Commission that the Harford County Community Services Resource Guide includes numerous nonprofits and other resources. These groups should receive the information regarding the webinar to share with their clients. It will be critical to reach the populations that need this information. We will ask the County Executive to be supportive of this webinar and initiative.

- 7. Old Business:** The Maryland Women's Commission is rethinking the in-person conference for equality and planning a virtual experience. Kristi will share when the information is available.

8. New Business: Visit Harford, Harford County's tourism department, launched a new website. Information on all the available activities and resources in the county may be found at www.visitharford.com.

9. Announcements:

Visit www.harfordcountymd.gov and click on the Living Here tab, then Community Involvement and then Community Events for a more detailed listing of events, community and public meetings and more. Sylvia will discontinue providing this information since activities and events are cancelled due to COVID.

10. Next Meeting:

Monday, June 22, 2020, 6:45pm via WebEx

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:45 p.m.