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**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MINUTES**

Monday, January 25, 2021, 6:45 pm
Virtual WebEx Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Mary Hastler, called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.
2. **Attendance/Introductions:** Mary Hastler, Chair; Jill Hamilton, Vice Chair; Bonnie Miranda; Cathy Ohler; Roslyn Hannibal-Booker; Kristi Halford; Joy Christmas; Alison Imhoff; Mary Teddy Wray; Robin Tomechko; Sylvia Bryant, Staff; Megan Louderback and Alex Garten, Guests
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Commission unanimously approved the Minutes of the November 23, 2020 meeting upon the motion of Kristi Halford, second by Cathy Ohler.
4. **Chairwoman's Report:** Nothing at this time.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Sylvia Bryant reminded everyone about Women's History Month and gathering posts for Facebook. Ms. Hastler tasked everyone to find one woman to research and feature on the county's Facebook page. This is due asap or by the end of January.
6. **Committee Updates:**
 - A. Governance Committee – Chair Cathy Ohler
Bylaws update – The wording for virtual meetings is up to date. Otherwise, all other items are current.
 - B. Membership Development Committee – Joy Christmas reported that she has five women interested in learning more about the Commission and possible membership. Our guest this evening, Megan Louderback, is one of them. Ms. Hastler encouraged Ms. Christmas to keep up the good work. Ms. Hastler

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mentioned being a friend of the commission prior to actually becoming a part; this would be ideal for future members.

- C. Women of Tomorrow – Chair Mary Teddy Wray is reaching out to the Richilin Ballroom this week to see if the funds from the postponed 2020 Women of Tomorrow Awards, can be used for the 2022 Women of Tomorrow Awards.
- D. Community Conversations - Chair Roslyn Hannibal-Booker provided an update on the next Community Conversation planned for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom. The topic is Prepare to Care. Marsha Goldberg, AARP, will be presenting.

Ms. Hannibal-Booker asked commission members for suggestions of other topics of interest to women and families:

- Female Veterans: Possibly invite Retired General Linda Singh, Maryland National Guard
- Entrepreneurship: Possible partnership with Harford Chamber of Commerce

- E. Maryland Commission for Women – Ms. Halford gave the legislative priorities for the 2021 legislative session. The Maryland Commission for Women voted on six bills to support – HB 581, HB 205, HB 411, HB 147, HB 359, and HB235. Ms. Hastler asked if anyone knew the role the Harford County Commission for Women could play in the legislative session. Ms. Bryant indicated she would research this and get back to Ms. Hastler.

7. Old Business:

- A. Benchmarking – Bonnie Miranda gave an update on the Benchmarking project. Ms. Christmas was first to send emails out to the states she was assigned. Ms. Hamilton followed-up with emailing all of her states as well. Ms. Halford and Ms. Ohler had also emailed other state commissions. Ms. Miranda noted that everyone was on track, with four of the six groups having sent emails.

8 New Business: None to report

9. Next Meeting:

Monday, February 22, 2021, 6:45pm via WebEx

- 10. Adjourn:** Ms. Ohler moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Imhoff, and unanimously approved by the commissioners