



ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: November 15, 2017 at 5:32 p.m. in the Potomac Building Human Services
Conference Room.

PRESENT: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (co-chair), Katie Werner (Secretary),
Marta Kelsey, Joanna Colvin, Mary Ludwig, Jennifer Brown, Diane Danaher,
Cynthia Brown, Human Services Division Manager, Beth Sandberg as staff
liaison member. Also present was Sandie Greene.

ABSENT: Mary Ludwig

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes and notes
(notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Marta Kelsey

Second: Diane Danaher

For: All

Against: None

2. Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

By: Diane Danaher

Second: Joanna Colvin

For: All

Against: None

Committee Reports:

Banquet – Forms need tweaking but are basically good to go. The Banquet Committee will discuss further during the Committee meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

Lifetime Achievement – Janice Walthour is very excited to be the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Norma Pipkin will get her biography and work on something for the program.

Sponsorship – Sandie Greene has gone through the Technology Handbook and flagged women owned businesses. The goal is to have information to businesses by December 15th for end-of-year giving. Sponsorship information will be e-mailed if possible.

Historian – Diane Danaher has nothing new to add at this time. She is hoping to have a scrapbook ready to have at the Banquet.

Family Violence Coordinating Council – Mary Ludwig is unavailable to give her report due to illness. Norma Pipkin also attended the meeting. Based on our last meeting, Norma drafted a letter and shared with the Family Violence Coordinating Council regarding domestic violence victims and the court system. There was a brainstorming session – perhaps present the letter to Judge Chesser instead of Judge Abrams and/or meeting with the Judge. They are looking into possible dates for a meeting.

Healthy Relationships – The meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Wyant. Cynthia Brown will also be at the meeting.

Scholarship and Memorandum of Understanding – Marta Kelsey reported nothing new.

Old Business:

Maryland Commission for Women Hall of Fame Nomination – Joanna Colvin reported that Barbara Thompson's nomination was submitted and an acknowledgment received. They will meet in early December to review the nominations. Joanna thanked everyone who helped her gather information to put the nomination together.

Oyster Festival – On October 21st and 22nd we were able to have a table set up in the Optimist building. Norma Pipkin, Carli Pipkin (Norma's granddaughter) and Taylor Spencer from the Family Advocacy Center volunteered at the table. Taylor was our Woman of Tomorrow in 2010 and has applied to become a member of the Commission for Women. They passed out ribbons that Taylor had put together. Taylor noted that when people were told they were for domestic violence awareness people were less likely to take the ribbons then when they were told they were to promote healthy relationships.

Scholarship Reception – On October 27th Marta Kelsey and Mary Ludwig attended the College of Southern Maryland Foundation Scholarship Reception at the La Plata campus. They were able to sit with the scholarship recipients. Marta has their contact information. Both recipients seem to be doing well and have indicated that they'd like to attend the Banquet.

Veteran's Day – On November 11th Norma Pipkin, Erin Walker, Mary Ludwig and Larry Ludwig (Mary's husband) went to the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home to help acknowledge veterans. They were introduced as dignitaries, helped serve meals to those in attendance and interacted with the veteran's and their families. It was noted that the luncheon was not well attended by women. Mary had prepared cards to give to the women in attendance, they left some of the cards so the staff could present to those who were unable to attend.

New Business:

Norma Pipkin had the list of people under Public Guardianship and their wish lists. Marta Kelsey and Jennifer Brown are going to work on gifts for Dolores (age 90), Joanna Colvin and Diane Danaher are going to work on gifts for Virginia (age 76), Erin Walker and Katie Werner are going to work on gifts for Dorothy (age 94). Norma Pipkin and Mary Ludwig are going to work on gifts for Harvey (age 71). Cynthia Brown and Sandie Green indicated that they would work on getting extra items. We will bring the items to the December 13th meeting. Norma will check with Rebecca Kessler about whether the gifts should be wrapped.

Upcoming Dates –

- December 13, 2017 – Meeting. This is our holiday meeting and social. It will be held at Leonardtown Grille starting at 5:30 p.m.
- January 16, 2018 – Meeting.
- February 20, 2018 – Meeting.
- March 15, 2018 – CFW Woman of the Year Banquet (Southern Maryland Higher Education Center)
- March 19, 2018 – Meeting.
- April 16, 2018 – Meeting.
- May 21, 2018 – Meeting.
- June 18, 2018 – Meeting.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 6:18 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Beth Sandberg (notes provided by Katie Werner CFW Secretary)