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**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**DATE:** December 13, 2017 at 5:55 p.m. at the Leonardtown Grille.

**PRESENT:** Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Joanna Colvin, Mary Ludwig, Jennifer Brown, Diane Danaher, Cynthia Brown, Human Services Division Manager, Beth Sandberg as staff liaison member and Juanita Nether, new Commission member.

**ABSENT:** Marta Kelsey

**Item #**     1    

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

**By:** Joanna Colvin

**Second:** Erin Walker

**For:** All

**Against:** None

**2. Item #**     2    

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**By:** Mary Ludwig

**Second:** Erin Walker

**For:** All

**Against:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Banquet** – Forms have been approved and Beth Sandberg is working with IT to get them on the website. The media release went out on December 12, 2017. Cynthia Brown reported that 98.3 (radio station) contacted the office about the media release and she will be giving an interview on December 14, 2017.

**Sponsorship** – Sandie Greene has been composing a list of potential sponsors. We can proceed by e-mail. Spread the word.

**Healthy Relationships** – The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2018. Right now they are planning for a presentation at the high schools and “Don’t You Love Me?” for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; this will be the first time for middle school students.

**Old Business:**

**Grace Fuller honored at the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame** – Norma Pipkin reported that in September Grace Fuller was given this honor. The presentation was in Bowie.

**Listening Tour – Follow-Up** – Norma Pipkin sent a copy of the results to everyone who attended and invited them to attend our meetings. The Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) has approached Judge Chesser; she has verbally asked that they submit three proposals on how it would work to have video tape of victims so there are no face-to-face interactions. Jason, the co-chair of FVCC is working on this.

**New Business:**

**Women’s Wellness** – This year’s event will be on February 24, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Juanita Nether will get us the topics and in January they will have the flyer. Mary Ludwig will work on our presentation board.

**New Members** – We have three new Members as of January 1, 2018: Elizabeth Knisley, Juanita Nether and Brenda Scheufele. Juanita has been a Member of the Commission in the past; everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

**Upcoming Dates** –

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: 6:32 p.m.

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