



Monroe County Women's Commission Meeting (Minutes)

12 February 2021
12:00 PM
Zoom

Meeting called by: Commission Chair

Type of meeting: Monthly (2nd Friday)

Facilitator: Nichelle Whitney

Note taker:
Nichelle Whitney

Women's Commission 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

Call to Order 12:00

Facilitator: Liz Feitl

- Introductions – Welcome newly appointed Commissioners Payne and Northcutt-Bohmert!
- Approve of agenda: *Commission McClellan moved to approve, Commissioner Ferguson seconded.*
- Approve of Minutes: *Commission Bartley-Taylor moved to approve, Commissioner McClellan seconded.*
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Old Business

Presenter: The Commission

Continuing Business

❖ MoCo Warm Up Event

Kits ready for pick up and delivery. Sign up for any extra open delivery locations on indicated on the Google doc. Goal is to have all boxes delivered in the next 2 weeks. The flyer has link to the meeting registration form for our March MCWC regular meeting. The form includes an open-ended survey question requesting feedback on needs of women in the community.

❖ Where are we going in 2021?

- Commissioner Reappointments- No updates known by commissioners present.
- New Commissioners
 - **Need a Secretary**-takes meeting minutes and submits them to lead commissioner. Rhemma Payne expressed interest and will reach out to Nichelle.
 - **Make sure contact information is updated**- Commissioners present were not sure

where to check current contact information.

New Business

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- ❖ **What events/partnerships do we want to consider for this year?**
 - *Survey-collaboration with Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women*
 - *Strengthening relationships with MCCC, RBB, and Ivy Tech-invite to our meetings, providing early notification of events/initiatives (like Girls Coding Camp), set up meeting*
 - *Girl Coding Camp (format and funding for coming year yet to be determined)*
 - *Mixer with Bloomington Commission for the Status of Women and other MC Commissions*
 - *MCCC Monroe County Child Commission Summit- submit presentation proposal*
 - *Housing-addressing lack of availability, affordability, location, quality*
 - *Invite speakers to our meeting – COVID, Housing, BLM (can we add guest speakers to the website in advance as a marketing effort to pull in more community members to meetings)*
 - *Using social media accounts to spread news*
 - *Intern to manage social media*

- ❖ **Survey discussion-raised by Commissioner Feitl**
 - Clarification was provided related to the survey component of the Mo Co Warm Up (open ended survey question added to registration link in the meeting invitation)
 - Ideas for a future Survey:
 - Longitudinal survey with link to a Qualtrics always open on the website. Commissioner Iversen will check if this would be allowable on County webpage.
 - Options to be Anonymous or provide name, open ended comment formatted question, interest in attending meetings, joining commission, county you live in, gender, age
 - Partner with Bloomington Status on the Commission on a survey
 - More frequent surveys about current topics (homelessness, racial inequities, pandemic, wage discrimination)
 - Possibility to create sub-committee to work on once we parameters are decided

- ❖ **Bloomington Commission of the Status of Women Update**
 1. Hosting listening sessions on racial justice. Commissioner McClellan will attend March 4th 5:30-7:30 meeting.
 2. March 24th Event: Guest Speaker: Heather McPeer Toney- Environmentalist, Emerging Leaders and Women of the Year Awards selected and will be announced, Dr. Valerie Grimm, IU also speaking. Time TBA.
 3. Legislature sub-committee: working on eliminating law which allows the shackling of women prisoners during delivery, a practice still legal in Indiana.

- ❖ **Open Items**
 - Commissioner Iverson noted that our Commission minutes have not been posted to county website.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm. Commissioner Bartley-Taylor so moved, Commissioner Ferguson seconded.