

Somerville Commission for Women Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10,

Location: April 18, 2017

Commissioners in Attendance:

Kat Rutkin
Kristen Strezo
Jess Alter
Katie Wallace
Kaitlyn Dmyterko
Marlena Erdos
Stephanie Goodell
Melissa Alfone
Daisy Monsalve

Quorum achieved

Updates and information:

- Family Safety Fair scheduled for 4/29 from 10-1. Stephanie, Cristina and Kristen have signed up.
- Process for receiving and handling funds. SCW has a revolving city account. Any and all funds are placed in the account and vendors are paid in accordance with City fiscal regulations. These regulations prevent us from using a 3rd party site such as event brite that takes a percentage.
- In the process of seeking out RESPOND as a possible fiscal agent for a grant to fund bystander training.
- Women's History Event feedback was positive. Impressed by number of young women. Suggestion was to allow for time at the end to share reflections.

Women's History Event Feedback:

- 2 tables needed for intake, there was too much to accomplish at one
- Second greeter should be at Café door
- Proximity of tables was problematic, spread out next time
- Make table assignments less complicated
- Press release should go out sooner, need six week lead time in the future
- Have interpreters make a big announcement at next meeting

Co-Chair Elections

- Marlena Erdos, Melissa Alfone, Kristen Strezo and Jess Alter nominated themselves for Co-Chair roles
- Election Process:
 - Kristin 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
 - Jess 1 1 1 1 1

- Melissa 1 1 1 1 1
- Marlana 1
- Kristen is elected co-chair
- Tie for Jess and Melissa, second vote conducted
 - Melissa 1 1 1
 - Jess 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
 - Jess is elected co-chair

Review Event Calendar

- April 22: City Clean up Day
- April 29: Safety Fair
- May 6, 7: Open Studios
- May 21: Somerville Veterans Memorial Parade Focus is Somerville female veterans.
- June 4 Carnavale.
- July 15: ArtBeat
- Aug 6: Somerstreets on Holland Ave.
- Sept 17: Somerstreets on Highland Ave.
- Oct 22: Monster Mash on Somerville Ave.

Review Active Bystander Training

- 2 options True Story Theater and Rona Fischman's Training

Motion made to refer Bystander Training to Sub Committee(Alter). Motion is seconded (Strezo) and approved

Subcommittee volunteers: Marlana, Kaitlyn, Kat. (Stephanie later confirms she can participate lightly but doesn't join the subcommittee.)

Review Salary Negotiation Workshop

- Stephanie Goodell and Cristina DeWeese volunteer to become certified trainers

50/50 Day

Motion made to participate in 50/50 day (Goodell). Motion is seconded (Rutkin) and approved

New Business:

- Barrier to people attending events is childcare. Bill going forward to use campaign funds to pay for candidate childcare. We could think about supporting this as a commission

Motion made to adjourn (Alter).

Motion seconded (Goodell)

All vote ayes.