

Somerville Commission for Women Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15th, 2017

Location: Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St.

Meeting is called to order (Kristen Strezo)

Formal Roll Call:

Jessica Alter
Katie Wallace
Kaitlyn Dmyterko
Cristina DeWeese
Melissa Alfone
Kat Rutkin
Daisy Monsalve
Stephanie Goodell
Kristen Strezo
Marlena Erdos*

Quorum achieved

Motion made to approve July meeting minutes (Jessica Alter)

Seconded (Cristina DeWeese)

All in Favor –Aye (all)

Opposed-None

Motion Approved

Recap National Night Out

- We need activities that are more engaging. Maybe flash tattoos with our logo. Possibly a chalk board of some kind to record pressing issues identified by women in Somerville. Event was heavily attended and youth activities draw mothers to tables as well. (Stephanie Goodell)
- Setup went smoothly (Melissa Alfone)
- Include more women of color on the activity pages (Kaitlyn Dmyterko)

*Marlena Arrives

- Moving forward, ask people what they would like to see moving forward. You will vary the people that visit the table. (Katie Wallace)
- Compile our thoughts and suggestions and send them to the google drive. (Jess Alter)

Review of SCW Communication Strategy

- Need clarification for Sub-Committee and Task Force communication (Jess Alter)
- Some ideas include weekly check ins, Project management software, SAUNA,SLACK.

Organization Task Force

- Melissa has put together a calendar of recurring events. Possibility of creating a Google calendar that everyone will have access to. We could also start a list of handicapped accessible venues. (Katie Wallace)
- We should have a checklist to identify handicapped accessibility (Stephanie Goodell)
- Handicapped accessibility is complicated to identify, there is a list of accessible city buildings.

Salary Negotiation Task Force

- Scheduled for September 28th 2017. Cristina will visit Canopy. Kat has gotten support from Honest Tea. Kaitlyn has been working on flyers. The flyer will contain the event link. (Stephanie Goodell)
- Can we get information regarding childcare and more ADA details? (Stephanie Goodell)
- Childcare was supplied for the event that took place in the High School, we will need to research procedure for private venues. (Chris Hosman)

Bystander Training Task Force

- Kat secured a donation from Community Credit Union of \$1000.00 (Marlena Erdos)
- Planning to do bystander training in the fall with Rona Fischman and the spring with True Story Theatre. Rona is available Saturday afternoons. 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of dates: 10/21, 11/4 and 11/18. Based on room availability.

Lobbying 101 Task Force

Motion made to change task force name from Lobbying to Advocacy (Jess Alter)

Motion seconded (Daisy Monsalve)

All in Favor -Aye (all)

Opposed- none

Motion Approved

Policy Sub-Committee

- We are working on fleshing out the goals. Putting together a list of other commissions. Researching legislation currently in process. Researching the different sub-committees and identify where the gaps are. (Cristina DeWeese)

Education Sub-Committee

- Meeting was deferred for Task Force

Outreach Sub-Committee (Kaitlyn Dmyterko)

- Preparing to use Mailchimp for a monthly newsletter. We will develop a template and a calendar that includes upcoming events such as the Domestic Violence Vigil and Salary Negotiation Training. Also include a Commissioner Corner that features one Commissioner a month.
- Develop a new more modernized logo. 2-3 different designs and vote which do you prefer. This will be done prior to ordering a new banner.

- Working on outreach Mission Statement
- Talk to SCOUT about a Commission Blog Spot (Kat Rutkin)

Late Agenda Items

- There will be a vigil tomorrow in Davis Square, “Our Ville Stands With Your Ville”
- There is a possible lead for a speaker, report back next month (Katie Wallace)

Motion made to adjourn (JA)

Motion seconded (DM)

All in Favor -Aye (all)

Opposed- none

Motion Approved