



Contra Costa
County
Commission for
Women

February Commission Meeting
Gayle B. Uilkema Memorial Board Room, County Connection
2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord
February 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Phyllis Gordon, Kirsten Upshaw, Patricia Ramirez, Argentina Davila-Luevano, Deborah Son, Lanita Mims, Joey Smith

Absent: Lauren Babbs

Guest: Deborah Toth, Maria Landski

1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7:00 pm

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- 2. Public Comment 7:05 pm** - Deborah Toth stated due to no funding the Friends figured out a way to fund the Women's Commission. She observed the Women's Commission come under threat by someone who had a law degree. The positive is the process of having a third party look at the relationship between the Friends and the Women's Commission.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 7:07 pm

Action: Approve January 2018 minutes.

Motion: Argentina Davila-Luevano

Second: Phyllis Gordon

Consent: Unanimous

Abstained: Joey Smith

4. Old Business: 7:08 pm

- A. Triennial Review - Bring to lower number i.e., 10, so not focused on growth, people can join without becoming a member, acknowledge work the Women Commission has done.
- B. Internal Operations Committee (IOC) update - Candace Anderson volunteered her staff to update the By-Laws. Next meeting is April 9, 2018. They would like an update on attendance (every six months), By-Law update, proposed budget and

they will earmark for future grants, etc. Kirsten will be meeting with Candace Anderson's staff. IOC wants a total separation between Women's Commission and the Friends of the Women's Commission. This means no current commissioners are of be on the Friends.

5. Seminars for 2018 7:30 pm

A. #Metoo - Action Items:

- Date: Lanita will contact Workforce Development to see if they are available week of June 11th, preferably June 13 or 14.
- Panel: Phyllis will set up the panel.
- Provide food and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Speakers: Deborah passed out list of local community speaker ideas. Recommends diverse 2 - 3 speakers: Bisa French, Lorena Huerta, Cynthia Peterson. Deborah will contact Dana Dean, attorney in Benicia who knows the original #metoo.
- CoSponsors: Look for male oriented groups for sponsors, ie. 100 Black Men.
- Phyllis will put together spirit sponsor definition before March 14th.

B. Women candidate forum - next steps - Joey suggested late August or early September. Phyllis suggested we collaborate with League of Women Voters. Share on our Facebook page. Phyllis will contact Joe Catanello with Registrar of Voters.

C. Back Up Event - Senior Women - Seminar on aging women and homelessness.

6. Committee Reports 8:10 pm

- A. Outreach - Deborah Son. Deborah passed out the Outreach Strategy 2018.
- B. Membership - Angela Heron will be rejoining the commission
- C. Social Media/PR - Lauren Babbs
- D. Co-Admin of website is Joey. Kirsten will email website information to Joey and Lauren.
- C. Kirsten suggested committees meet within the next month.

7. Announcement and Upcoming Community Events 8:10 pm

- A. Phyllis will make cookies with a chocolate bite and take to the Board of Supervisors on April 10, 2018.
- B. Women's Day Celebration
- C. Lanita announced that Saturday, 2/24 there will be a mental illness workshop at Antioch Family Church, 55 E 18th St. from 9 am - 2:30 pm.

- D. National Equal Pay Day - April 10th
- E. STS Academy Fundraiser Taste of the Bayou at Church of the Good Shepard - April 21st, 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg.

8. Next Meeting - March 20, 2018

9. Adjournment 8:31 pm

Action: Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm