

Lebanon County Commission for Women  
Minutes November 13, 2013  
5:30PM – LCCTC

*The goal of the Lebanon County Commission for Women is to promote awareness, be a catalyst for change, and facilitate action in concerns facing women and their families.*

**Board Members/Ex-Officio**

Board members Present:,Maria M.Dissinger, Taryn Blydenburgh, Jenny Murphy-Shifflet, Beverly Heishman, Cheryl Batdorf, Vanessa Fischer, Emily Gulliams, Todd Snovel. Kim Kreider Umble, Loreen Burkett, Lauren Holubec, Jo Ellen Litz, Kathy Andrews, Steffeny Feld, Bonnie Loy, Leigh Hitz Miller, Sue Werner.

Excused: Ivonne Torres, Kathy Kulbitsky, Wanda Bechtold, Rose Marie Swanger, Stephanie Divittore, Sage Schott-Reed, Sherry Capello.

Absent:

**Proceedings:**

Acting Chair Maria Dissinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

New Member Leigh Hitz Miller was welcomed and introductions were made.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Kim Kreider Umble moved to accept. Lauren Holubec seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Maria Dissinger presented the Treasurers reports for September on behalf of Taryn Blyndenburgh. Our balance is **\$7,795.72**.

**Old Business:** Taryn presented the new Women's Commission banner! It looks great!

**Annual Report:** No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee:** We are ahead of the game! Interviews are currently being scheduled.

**Hall of Fame Committee:** The committee is still receiving nominations. Not as many have been nominations have been received this year compared to last year. There were no nominations in the categories of: education,science & military. The deadline will be extended until November 30.

Bev sent out the budget and anticipates the Commission will earn approximately \$4,000 in 2014.

**The next meeting is Saturday, November 16 at 8:30 at Timeless Café.**

**Hot Topics Committee:** Bonnie presented to the group the situation in the Philippines. She encouraged us to support relief efforts for the Philippines.

Bev shared that she has family members in the Philippines and she said that it was nearly 24 hours before they received confirmation. Supplies are being received but they have not yet been distributed and there is mayhem happening. There was some additional discussion regarding other relational connections.

There was also encouragement to pray, donate material items and volunteer at HOPES. Items were collected for HOPES and a “needs list” was distributed for future donations.

**Nominating Committee:**

The slate of officers for 2014 was presented for a vote:

Chair – Kathy Kulbitsky

Vice-Chair – Maria Dissinger

Secretary – Todd Snovel

Treasurer – Taryn Wagner Blydenburgh

Kim made a motion to accept the 2014 slate of officers. Kathy Andrews moved to accept the motion. Emily Guilliams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Leigh Hitz Miller was presented to the Commission as a new member. Kim Kreider Umble moved to accept. Kathy Andrews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following people were nominated for renewal to a second three-year term:

Taryn Wagner Blydenburgh

Kathy Andrews

Jenny Murphy-Shifflet

Kim Kreider Umble moved to accept the motion. Bonnie Loy second the motion. Motion carried.

A letter of resignation was received from Judy Sharp. She is now living in Lancaster and is unable to continue due to time constraints and health issues.

Kim Kreider Umble moved to accept Judy’s resignation. Bonnie Loy second the motion. Motion carried.

We are still looking for one more commission member. Resumes and suggestions can be sent to Kim or Lauren.

**Projects Committee:** Thank you to everyone who donated items to HOPES!

A \$250 donation was approved via email by the Commission to sponsor the fundraising movie and spaghetti dinner this Sunday. There are also tickets for sale from Emily for \$20.

Steffeny provided a HOPES update. One family moved into their own apartment last week! The mother in this family grew up in shelters and this is her first apartment in her life. Many people donated dishes, beds and furniture to help them get started. There is also a newborn who was born last Friday.

There are about 30 guests at this time, but the number varies day-to-day. This year the majority of clients are families. Emily affirmed that it seems as though this need is growing.

Jenny initiated a meeting between Emily and Todd to discuss how the Commission can support “Live the Green Dot”. This is currently in a pilot stage at LVC. Students have been trained and they are waiting to see how this program takes off. **There was discussion of having someone from SARCC come in to educate the Commission regarding this program and the importance of by-stander training.**

Jenny shared that the goal is to look at a violence-free community and to teach everyone that they have the ability to be helpful in a high-risk situation. She also explained more about the history of the program. Todd affirmed that it has been a good addition to LVC.

**Public Relations/Technology:** We love the new banner!

As always, please submit information to be posted to the facebook page!

**New Business:**

Cheryl Batdorf shared that the Commission has sponsored a young lady to attend the Young Women's Future Symposium (Junior Achievement). The target for this group is geared towards the

A request was made for the Commission to provide a \$110 sponsorship for one young lady to attend.

Maria suggested we sponsor one young lady from each school in the County.

The motion was amended to approve seven sponsorships for one young lady from each district in the County and Lebanon Catholic for a total of \$770

Cheryl Batdorf moved to accept the motion. Maria Dissinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emily shared of her positive experiences at this group. The luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 4, 2014.**

The Women's Commission will be mentioned at the podium and in the literature. Bev suggested the banner and have photos taken of the ladies the Commission sponsors.

**Good of the Order:**

**Jo Ellen** – Feedback was requested on Cedar Haven.

**Maria (on behalf of Kathy)** – Christmas meals are being delivered on December 19. Contact Paula if you are able to help deliver meals. She can be reached at [doney@comcast.net](mailto:doney@comcast.net). December 3 is the Women in Business luncheon.

**Kim** – Tree Lighting November 22 at 6:00; Parade November 23; Support in enrolling in health care exchange on Fridays at LFHS; Candy Day is December 5 from 3:00-8:00

**Emily** – Move Tickets for Sunday are available for \$20. The Y is hosting Kauffman's Chicken BBQ. Proceeds go to United Way \$7/ticket. The Northwest Child Care Center had to close due to lead issues and the children have been housed at the Y until a permanent location is secured. Phil spoke with Maureen Gingrich who advocated for the Y. Last week an inspection was conducted and four star status was returned.

**Lauren** – Community Open House is next Thursday (November 21) from 6:00-8:00 PM. All programs will be on site providing information.

**Kathy** – Heart Association is giving 10% of sales Mo's on Main Friday, November 22 4-8; November 23 10-3

**Bonnie** – Central PA Supports the Troops will be Thursday, November 21 at the Friendship Fire Hall will be stuffing stockings for the troops from 8:00 AM until they are finished.

**Wanda** – CLA Lunch to "Support the Troops" is November 13 at the Country Club. The cost is \$20 and the event runs from 12:00-1:00. A Captain in the Marine Corps from Allentown is scheduled to speak.

**Taryn** – First Saturday in December (December 7 from 8-2) is the Living Gift Market at Church of the Good Good Shepherd. The Associated Wholesalers Inc in York is looking for programmers.

**Leigh** – Flyers were distributed for the ChristKindle Market in December.

**Steff** - Next week is Homeless Awareness Week. There is an open house at HOPES on Wednesday, November 20 from 11:30-1:30 if anyone would like to drop in.

**Bev** – With health care reform changes, children will now be included for vision care. August 22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SARCC Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event. They are looking for additional committee members.

**Jenny** – Like SARCCs facebook page! Student interns are putting together holiday survival kits for adults. Jenny will send out an email with items that can be donated.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **January 8, 2014 at the LCCTC.**

Respectfully submitted, Todd Snovel