

Howard County Commission for Women
9830 Patuxent Woods Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21046
January 8, 2019

Members Present

Kashonna Holland, Chair
Meg Boyd, Vice-Chair
Allison Eatough, Recording Secretary
Jessica Epps (phone)
Dianne Paulus
Joyce Kim
Lanlan Xu
Judy Zhou

Members Absent

Staff Present

Cheryl Mattis, Executive Secretary

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Call to Order:

With a quorum present the Women's Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Kashonna Holland at 7:28 p.m.

Approval of November minutes:

A motion was made to approve the December minutes. Motion was seconded. All present in favor. Motion passed.

Chair's Report:

Kashonna shared the commission had a productive retreat on January 5 with 100 percent participation. During the retreat, commissioners discussed planning and ideas for the new year.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Executive Secretary Cheryl Mattis shared a copy of the commission budget, which has not changed since the December meeting. She confirmed use of the Banneker Room in the George Howard building on March 28 for the Women's Hall of Fame event.

New Business:

Women's Hall of Fame

- Commission is on track to meet the event timeline
- Student essays are due by January 29.
- A reminder about the essay contest will be posted on the commission Facebook page.
- Notifications to WHOF honorees will occur in the coming weeks.
- Goal: To have honoree bios, photos and guest lists received by February 8.
- Honorees will receive paper invitations (up to 25).
- Joyce, Jessica and Judy will have student essay winners selected by February 12 meeting. Letters will go to student essay winners by February 15.
- Jessica is checking with caterers for event food. Meg requested we use compostable plates and forks.

- Judy is looking into getting five or six National Honor Society volunteers to help as usher, food servers.
- Jessica will share last year's PowerPoint photo slideshow with us.
- Dianne will put this year's slideshow together.
- Cheryl will handle honoree plaques and essay winner gift cards

"We Hear You" social media campaign

- A motion was made to launch the "We Hear You" social media campaign, which will recognize women and girls in the community who are leading and making a difference in Howard County. Motion seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. Goal is to launch in early February.

Miss Representation documentary

- Commissioners discussed showing "Miss Representation," a documentary that discuss sexism in American society and the media. This relates to the number one issue identified by county women during the Maryland Commission for Women's listening tour in 2016.
- A motion was made to use \$450 of commission budget funds to acquire the rights to the documentary. Motion seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Tentative date for showing: Thursday, May 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Will have a discussion period after the movie.
- Lanlan will look into possible locations for showing, including library branches.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Women's Commission meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Submitted by Allison Eatough

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m.