

## MINUTES OF MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING

Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

West Conference Room in City Hall

**Call to Order:** Kathy Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Present were Commissioners Jo Ann Engquist, Dalia Zygas, Kathy Dennis, Bonita Schaaf, Kristina Isabelle, Kay Hill, Sharlene Livesay, Nicole Coleman and City Council Liaison Sean Fitzpatrick. Arrived late: Faye Moore Absent: Albertine Allen

**Introduction** of new commissioner Nicole Florek and City Council Liaison Sean Fitzpatrick

### **Election of Officers:**

Dalia Zygas - President                      JoAnn Engquist - Vice President

Kristina Isabelle - Secretary              Sharlene Livesay - Treasurer

Motion Bonnie 2nd - Nicole Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting:** Minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed with motion to approve by Livesay, second by Engquist. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Moore was late and Treasurer's report was not approved. We are missing a get out the vote \$500 donation. Need to correct and we will take it up next meeting.

### **Presentations:**

**Kathy Workman** - YMCA - Requesting \$500 to support the Womens Health Summit on Feb.23rd. 9:00-12:00 featuring 6 guest speakers with topics ranging from Womens Mental health, parenting, stress and nutrition and pelvic floor. The event is free. The expect to reach 100 based off of past events.

Janet Bloch - Lubeznik Art Center - Requesting \$5,000 for Well-Behaved Women: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage (working title) exhibit June - October 2020. I have attached a detailed proposal and budget submitted by Lubeznik.

### **Old Business:**

**Discussion of Womens Access to Healthcare in Michigan City:** Commissioner Coleman could not get through to the new hospital and will continue to reach out for information. Support and help market the childbirth classes @ YMCA event Feb 23rd.

**Discussion of Mental Health / Homelessness in Michigan City:** Outgoing commissioner Dennis hopes that we continue to continue to help in this area. Kay recommends checking SAMSHA programs and Ed Seals as a contact. Isabelle will research and share at February meeting.

**New Business:**

**Request for Donation.** YMCA - Womens Health Forum \$500 - Nicole Coleman abstains- she is involved in the program. Livesay Motion to approve \$500 Bonnie 2nd and Motion Carried

Lubeznik Art Center -\$5000 - Would require more conversation as we have not funded a project of \$5000 in the past. Joann will check ordinance in what we can fund and advise next meeting.

Charlene comments as it is right up our alley supporting program that revolves around suffrage and women in the arts. Suggests it could be a part of our Women In Art Program / Fundraiser. Good PR for the Womens commission. Livesay motioned Tabled conversation until next meeting. Faye 2nd Motion Carried

**Commissioners' Comments:** Conflict of interest - checking with Amber City attorney Dalia and Livesay will meet with her.

Start preparations and conversations regarding for Women in the Arts Fundraiser, International Womens Day March and Womens Equality Day August.

**Council Liaison's Comments:** Sean is looking into compensation for Women's Commission. JoAnn sending him ordinance information Questioned about why we aren't televised? How do we decimate information. Meetings are public and we also report annually to city council.

**Adjournment:** Motion to dismiss at 6:10 pm by Livesay, second by Schaff. Our next meeting will be held on February 21, 2019.

Submitted by:

Kristina Isabelle, Secretary, Michigan City Commission for Women