

Minutes of Meeting of Michigan City Commission for Women
Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 5:00PM
City Hall West Conference Room
100 E. Michigan Blvd. Michigan City, IN 46360

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Bonnie Schaaf, Nicole Coleman, Kristina Isabelle, Dalia Zygus, Jo Ann Engquist were present
 - b. Veronica Martin arrived late
 - c. Faye Moore, Albertine Allen, Shar Livesay, and City Council Liaison Sean Fitzpatrick were absent
- II. Election of Officers for 2020
 - a. Engquist reminds nominations can come from the floor
 - b. Engquist proceeded to nominate Schaaf for President, Coleman for Secretary, Livesay for Treasurer, and Zygus for Vice-President
 - c. Isabelle made motion to move, Engquist seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Approval of minutes of December 19th meeting
 - a. Will bring minutes to February meeting, minutes are not present due to secretary absent of December meeting
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Livesay was absent, report will be presented at February meeting
- V. Introduction of Mayor's Contact
 - a. Janet Beutner will attend meetings for Mayor Parry because the mayor wants to be involved in Commissions
- VI. New Business
 - a. Presentation from Janet Bloch from Lubezki Center
 - i. Exhibit is going great. Lubezki Center invites all commissioners to Scream Exhibit, limit for 20 people, which will be used at the exhibit
 1. Craftivist stitch-up is a free event, limited to 20 people and registration is necessary
 2. Exhibit opening is Friday, July 3rd and runs 19 weeks long
 - b. Zygus reports she will contact past year's grant recipients for follow up reports
 - c. Discussion of activating Facebook page to highlight weekly women
 - i. Amanda Way, Mary Stuart Edwards, Mary McCurdy, Lily JB Thomas Fox, Carla Burnside, May Sewell are examples
 - d. The Nest applied for Mainstreet grant to help fund entertainment for Women's History Month events, an event every Sunday March 8 – 29.
 - i. Capacity of The Nest is 100 people per event
 - ii. Discussed proposed budget.
 1. Zygus moved that we budget \$500.00 for paper goods and refreshments, \$600.00 for Venue (\$150/event), and \$300.00 for merchandise and marketing for Women's History Month events in March. Second by Engquist. All approved, motion passed.

- iii. Zygas motions to approve \$1,000.00 for reserves to cover entertainment costs in case Mainstreet grant is not approved. Seconded by Isabelle. All approve, motion passed.

VII. Old Business

a. Centennial Commemoration Planning Committee Report: Schaaf

i. Women's Suffrage Commemoration

1. Events in March every Sunday for International Women's Day and Women's History Month; co-hosting a public speaker on March 21st at MC Library, Dr. Drake, to speak about Hoosier Suffragists
2. Two other events at Barker Mansion during the month of March
3. Isabelle volunteers to help with marketing events
4. Poetry Contest- "What Would You March For?"
 - a. Announce March 9th, due April 17th, awards first week in May
 - b. For K-12 students who live in Michigan City Area Schools district
 - c. Send parental release

ii. International Women's Day, March 8, 2020

1. We will be hosting an event at The Nest and do tributes to women
 - a. Schaaf will give tribute to Suffragist Naomi Anderson, born in Michigan City 1843 to a middle class free black family, at age 26 was invited to speak at the first Women's Convention in Chicago and was published in major newspapers across the country for the rest of her life.

iii. Parade discussion will wait until April meeting

iv. Women's Equality Day Plans August 26, 2020

1. Will ask for a Proclamation from the mayor and Resolution from City Council in August in observance of Women's Equality Day.
2. Will hold a Luncheon at Lubeznik Center or somewhere else, on August 26th or the following week.
3. League of Women Voters is planning a rally on August 26th.

VIII. Public comments

1. Next City Council meeting will celebrate the centennial of the founding of League of Women Voters with a Resolution introduced by City Councilwoman Angie Nelson.
2. League of Women Voters luncheon on February 11th will celebrate their centennial with a speaker from National Parks Service at Patrick's Grill at 12PM

IX. Council Liaison's Comments

1. Not present

X. Commissioners' Comments

1. Introduction of Veronica Martin
 - a. Has been in Michigan City since 2008, has a counseling office in the Trustee's building named Mindful Minds
2. Commissioners introductions

XI. Adjourn. Next Meeting February 20, 2020

