

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020 MEETING OF
MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

- I. Call to order
 - a. Bonnie Schaaf call to order
 - b. Faye Moore, City Council Liaison Sean Fitzpatrick, JoAnn Engquist, Nicole Coleman, Veronica Martin, and Shar Livesay
 - c. Dalia Zygus, Albertine Allen, and Kristina Isabelle not present
 - d. Janet Beutner from Mayor's Office
- II. Donation Applicants' Presentations
 - a. Soul Steppers- requesting \$500- received a donation of new instruments, 20th year of operations this year
 - i. Trying to provide new uniforms for the winter for \$500.
 - ii. 12 to 18 years of age, at risk youth, now starting a junior group
 - b. STEM Girls Conference for Barker and Krueger Middle Schools
 - i. Hosted by Sycamore School in Indianapolis March 7th
 - ii. 20 spots for each school and 30 girls total are sponsored by Sycamore School
 - iii. Requesting \$350 to cover the remaining 10 girls.
 - c. Anita King Project- Kayla Vailko, PNW Student
 - i. Born in Michigan City, stunt racecar driver, 1st women to drive across the US
 - ii. Wanting to learn more about Anita King
 - iii. Started YWCA
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Livesay motions, Engquist seconds, all approve, motion moves
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Coleman motions to approve, Engquist seconds, all approve, motion moves
- V. Old Business
 - a. International Women's Day & History Month
 - i. Thank the Nest for writing and winning the Mainstreet Assoc. grant
 - ii. Approved: \$500 for paper goods and refreshments
 1. \$600.00 (\$150/event) for venue
 2. \$300 for merchandise and marketing
 - iii. March 8th is opening day and International Women's Day
 1. Samosa's, drinks,
 - iv. March 15th- lighter with begals and cream cheese
 - v. March 22nd- left overs
 - vi. March 29th- popcorn, cookies
 - vii. Sashes and buttons Schaaf will follow up on with the Nest
 - viii. Sign up sheets for volunteering
 - ix. Poetry contest- can be mailed to Human Right Commission,
 1. "What will I march for"

2. Meeting on February 26th at 1:00pm at Nest, 806 Franklin St. for final decisions for poetry contest.
 - b. Centennial Planning Committee Report
 - i. Parade on June 27th
 - ii. Faye Moore will organize the parade
 - c. Women's Equality Day
 - i. League of Women Voters is planning a rally August 26th
 - ii. Schaaf has contacted LCA- will let us know for date
 1. Speaker about funding for Women's Suffrage \$400
- VI. New Business
 - a. Consider Grant Requests
 - i. Michigan City Soul Steppers- accepted \$500
 - ii. STEM- \$350 approved
 - iii. Kayla Vasilko-
 1. Livesay motions to approve \$300, motion dies
 2. Shay motions \$500, Coleman seconds, all approve, motion moves
 - b. Grant Recipient Follow up Reports
 - i. Zygus received two responses, no one else responded
 - ii. End of March is when the report is due
- VII. Public Comments
 - a. The Nest- March 7th is St. Patricks Day Parade, can we parade. Little interest.
- VIII. Council Liaison's Comments
 - a. None
- IX. Commissioners' Comments
 - a. Livesay created a document of all of the grants and events we have provided
 - b. Rubric needs to be clarified
 - c. Coleman to send out survey on mental health
 - d. Janet is promoting event, coffee with the Mayor at Senior Center.
- X. Adjourn
 - a. Livesay, Engquist, all in favor