



MICHIGAN CITY INDIANA

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MINUTES of MEETING Thursday NOVEMBER 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Call to Order –Commissioner W. Faye Moore

Attendance: Albertine Allen, Bonnie Schaaf, W. Faye Moore, Jo Ann Engquist, Sarah Jones, Sharlene Livesay, Council Liaison Angie Nelson-Deutch

Absent: Kristina Isabelle – AE, Nicole Coleman, Veronica Martin

Some people were having trouble getting on and Councilwoman Angie Deutch resent the ink to those who were not present.

- I. **Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2021 meeting** – Motion was made by Bonnie to accept the minutes and Shar seconded the motion, roll call vote, motion passed with Sarah Jones abstaining because she was not present.

- II. **Treasurer’s Report** – Commissioner Shar Livesay
January 2021 – Beginning Balance: \$\$20,089.75
Minus: \$5,000 to Celebrating Naomi Anderson Project
November 18, 2021 balance: \$15,224.75
Motion was made by Albertine to accept the treasurer’s report, motion seconded by Bonnie, roll call vote, motion passed.

- III. **Old Business**
 1. **Naomi Anderson Project – Bonnie Schaaf**
 - There have been some delays
 - Anticipate December 15 installation
 - Unveiling and special celebration at Lubeznik
 - Working on Education piece
 - Archives is at PNW –Naomi Biography, newspaper articles, etc.

- Working on USB drive for LaPorte and Michigan City Libraries to have access to this information.
- <https://www.facebook.com/celebratenaomi/>

There were several questions. Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/32xJoBEEhsfBRsx_GnuQaKiUyy10xk1i06fMDCd3INhRe6TqX8RDcahD7ZckOstt.c5KhR_Gamkw-RecB

B. Planning Session – Setting Goals for 2022

- (a) Mission of: Commission For Women – The Michigan City Commission for Women was established by Ordinance No.4167 in 2011. Its mission is to ensure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of the city, as equal participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice and in all other facets of life.
- (b) Fundraisers’ – Virtual Silent Auction maybe in March or August to during Women’s Equality month or International Women’s Day or Women’s Suffrage (Angie)
2. Partner with Celebrating Naomi Anderson Project Committee with an event to raise funds. (Shar)
3. The Anita King Project –see if they are having an event that we could partner with and turn into a fund raiser. (Shar)
4. Banquet in August that participants pay and get sponsorships to help make it a large event at a large place. (Shar)
5. We should promote history all year round, especially Native Americans and African-Americans (Allen)
6. There might be teachers already working on special projects (JoAnn)
7. How do we market the fact that we have funds available to teachers and community residents that are Women? (Bonnie)
8. Sarah will email someone in MCAS and try to find out what female teachers are working on projects that fit our mission.
9. We could perhaps partner with the National Parks “Dorothy Buell” was instrumental in working with the National Parks and Saving the Dunes in this area; Environmental Movement being going in since 1900’s and lots of women have been involved (Shar and JoAnn)
10. SUMMARY –(Shar) We will be looking for funding opportunities toward Women’s History months and perhaps a 2022- 100 plus two celebration of Women Equality
THEME: Women: Who Are We?
Women Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
Councilwoman Angie spoke to Todd Conner who own the Emerson House and he is open to events there and perhaps will help support the event.

There was lots of discussion as to who comes off the Commission, when terms end and start. Election takes place in January and Council Woman Angie Deutch will be sending out an email asking who wants to be on the slate next year for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If this does not happen, we will be taking nominations from the floor in December and January if the slate does not get full.

IV. New Business -None

V. Public Comments - None

VI. Council Liaison's Comments – See above.

VII. Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Allen will try to get in touch with Allan Williams and also check on Mullen School.
- Commissioner Sarah suggest do not forget about Secretaries, Janitors, Food Service and other support staff at the Schools. Boy's Football team will be having a parade to Ames Field on Friday, November 19, 2021.

VIII. Adjourn. Next meeting January 20, 2022 (Hope to be in person)

Minutes submitted by: Commissioner W. Faye Moore