

## **Commission on Women's Issues**

Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2018

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:44pm

Meeting facilitated by Chairperson Kimberly Zouzoua

Attendees were Commissioners Kimberly Zouzoua, Nichole Gatling, Lisa Duquette, Karlene Brizard, Janice Johnson Plumer, Claudia Denelle, Leona Martin

Guests: Amelia Phinney, Business Rep from the Carpenter's Union in Easton, Tyler Gatling, Lisa Martinez

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 6 meeting by Commissioner Denelle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leona Martin after reviewing with the necessary corrections. It was also addressed that Commissioners will always vote on and accept the minutes moving forward.

### **Introductions**

Amelia Phinney, who was noted as a guest, introduced herself and mentioned that there are diversity goals in the overall construction industry to hire more women, veterans, people of color and residents in and around Easton. She wondered if she could come again to our July 2018 meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Survey update – Commissioner Gatling reported that there was no follow up from Stonehill College and nothing from Massasoit College, emails were sent to them. We decided to table this effort.

Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN) Workshop took place, low attendance – there were 3 Commissioners, 4 trainers and 4-6 Guests that signed in.

### **New Business**

We have \$222 left in our budget, we need to discuss what to do with those dollars.

Ideas on how to spend:

Backpack event

Family Fun Day- Saturday, July 14 at Mulberry Park. This is a free event and members of the Brockton Police and Firefighters will be there.

Sponsor a Child for the Y Summer Camp

Donate school supplies

Decision: A Purchase Order was created and the funds were used to support the homeless children of Brockton served by the YMCA's summer camp program.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Gatling had a discussion with Mary-dith Tuitt and she suggested and the body agreed, that we should plan a full day retreat

### **Announcements**

Our own Commissioner Johnson-Plumer has been selected to be a Regional Women's Commissioner for Plymouth County. Swearing in is Wednesday, July 11 at the Great Hall of Flags at the State House, ceremony is 2-5pm.

There will be a Day Party honoring the 10yr anniversary celebration of the Psi Iota Omega, AKAs on Saturday, July 28 at Marina Bay from 12-4pm. Tickets are \$55. Lynne Smith from the Brockton community will be receiving an award.

Motion was made by Commissioner Zouzoua and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Martin to end the public meeting at 7:28pm and go into a closed Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Martin