

Minutes

January 8, 2020

5:30 pm

Lebanon County Career & Technology Center



LEBANON COUNTY Commission for Women

Attendance: Nicole Mauer, Sherry Capello, Becky Witherite, Beth Wise, Donna Williams, Laurie Funk, Maribel Gonzalez, Kendra Elliott, Leigh Hitz-Miller, Liz Judd, Emmily Longenecker, Jennifer Bower, Renata Williams, Angela Shea, Gina Boehlor, Jody Lazocik, Yesi, Amanda, Ali Peretto

1. Call to Order - Ali Perrotto

- a. Welcome to the new members, around the table with introductions. Goodbye to our longtime members Leigh and Laurie
 - i. As a reminder to our new members to sign up for a committee:
 1. Grants
 2. Glass Slipper
 3. Public Relations & Education
 4. Nominations (Donna Williams)
- b. Welcome Activity: Callings Question: **If you've ever thought that someday you might write a book, what would the subject of that book be?**
 - i. **Had fun conversations on this topic including - "Things Patients Say to You", "These feelings are normal", "How to work until your dead", "A romantic comedy based on our teen years", "Family", "A life journey", creating "Gina's List" a helpful guide to everything you need for your home, "What's your story", Children's literature, "Life after college", "What is your worth - knowing and understanding your worth", Travel Books, "Employees, Why?", It's nice to be nice, a collection of kindness, a collection of short stories using a one line prompt for random people.**

2. Commission Action items:

- a. Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 2019 (Emmily)
 - i. Motion to approve - 1st Nicole, 2nd Donna, all in favor
- b. Treasurer's Report - Review & Approval of financial statements from November/December (Angie) - see attached treasurer's report
 - i. Changes:
 1. Becky makes a motion to remove the "New Event" from designated funds and approve treasurer's report with changes, 2nd Jody, all in favor
 - ii. Proposed 2020 Budget is attached
 1. Changes to Note:
 - a. remove the LVCC Excellence in Education funds of \$300
 2. Becky motion to approve, Nicole 2nd, all approved
- c. Girls on the Run Holiday Party:
 - i. Thank you to all involved, especially the generosity of everyone that donated items to the event. The headbands, food, cookie decorating, smoothies, etc.
 - ii. Approximately 30 girls in attendance. A lot of the girls we are serving really appreciate the program. Also gave an opportunity to connect with parents that were there

- iii. Laurie will coordinate getting the extra headbands to the girls that weren't there
- iv. Grateful for Abby singing
- v. 2 past commission members joined us, and they mentioned being honored to come back to help at the event.
- vi. Encourage us to continue to connect with groups in our community and celebrate
- d. Bob Phillips reached out to Ali and informed her that he is rotating onto another committee and Jo Ellen Litz will be our commissioner liaison. He really enjoyed his time with us and appreciates what we do.
- e. Discussion about the content of our meetings:
 - i. Discussion about enjoying the opportunity to get to know each other so we will keep the ice breakers
 - ii. How do we keep the momentum going from our November meeting in which we heard from our Grant winners
 - 1. Possibly have hall of fame inductees and or the person who nominated them.
 - 2. On days when we have presenters, have a consent agenda on those nights
 - 3. Possibly quarterly, the executive committee will work on putting a plan together
 - iii. Is there other things that we should be bringing to the table
 - 1. Possibly identify when we have program topics that need to have a large discussion and which meetings that needs to happen in. Look at a calendar for what is the headliner of each meeting

3. Committee Updates:

a. Glass Slipper

- i. Nicole was approached about the women's commission funding the pizza for the models, which has been a part of the glass slipper budget We will continue to include processing \$100 check to be given to person putting the fashion show together
- ii. 2020 Dates:
 - 1. Dress Collection: Saturday 2/15/2020
 - 2. Dress Sale: Friday Night 2/21/2020 and Saturday 2/22/2020
- iii. Sign Up sheet is being passed around to sign up for the event. If you volunteer - wear your t-shirts!
- iv. Any committee members that can work on getting donations for hair, makeup, nails, jewelry etc. We will need those before the sale so that we can prepare
- v. We will send out the flyer as soon as we have it via email to the committee to post
- vi. The sale is open to any student, we are opening up the ability to win tickets to prom to any school not just Lebanon county schools. We have seen an increase in Tulpehocken Schools and Schuylkill County Schools.
- vii. The sale will be held in the same store, the former Maurice's in the Mall.

b. Hall of Fame - Becky

- i. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday 3/25/2020 a11:30 for the Hall of Fame luncheon. The Hall of Fame is requesting that all Commission members

attend since it is the only fundraiser for the Commission for Women. The registration form is attached and it lists the 2020 winners.

- ii. Also, we are asking each of you to secure a sponsor for the event. See below
Brittany Hilton has been in contact with past sponsors. We have a few so far:
 - 1. Maine Keith - Envision Financial Group
 - 2. Ann Decker - Jonestown Bank & Trust Co
 - 3. Tim McShane - Tim McShane Agency
 - 4. Vicki DeLoatch - Lebanon Valley Health Services
 - 5. Becky Witherite - Fulton Bank
 - 6. Amy Walsh - WellSpan Health
 - 7. Katie Doster - Lebanon County Conservation District
 - 8. Heidi Neiswender - (individual sponsorship)
 - 9. Angie Shea - Garcia Garman & Shea
- iii. Thank you in advance for your support!
- c. Nominating Committee - Donna
 - i. Today we say hello to 2 new Commission members! Welcome and we are happy to have you join us.
 - 1. Liz Judd
 - 2. Renata Williams
 - ii. We also say goodbye to 2 amazing members. Both of these ladies have served the Commission for 2 terms and have left a lasting impact on our Community. Thanks for all that you have done. You will be missed!
 - 1. Leigh Hitz Miller
 - 2. Laurie Funk
 - iii. Donna is in the process of filling the seats.
 - iv. Also thank you to all who rang the bells for Salvation Army. Great way to support our community!
- d. Grants Committee - Nikki
 - i. Grants committee is an awesome committee highly recommended by Nikki. It is Life Changing!
 - ii. Discuss if we plan to do grants in 2020 and if yes, how much money we have to put towards them.
 - 1. As per budget we have \$4,000 designated to the grants committee.
 - iii. The mini grants open for the month of February for up to \$2,000
 - 1. Promote awareness of womens issues
 - 2. Become a catalyst for change in womens issues
 - iv. The committee works to review the grants and grade them.
 - v. The grants given last year were picked well and were really good programs.
 - vi. We will plan to launch in February with little changes, keep the \$2,000 amount limit.
- e. Public Relations & Education - Amanda & Ann
 - i. Grants committee should pass on information to the PR committee to post on facebook
 - ii. Please continue to pass information to the committee to post, especially if you have topics that you think would be good for posting,

- iii. The committee is doing a great job with posting!
- iv. The education piece of the committee is meant to educate women which was why it merged and participates in the Latino Health Fair.
- f. Special Projects - Laurie
 - i. Girls on the Run updates will come through Donna. Laurie really appreciates the support of the commission for that program. This program has become a part of the fabric of the women's commission
 - ii. Laurie will continue to keep us in the loop of volunteer opportunities
 - iii. Donna thanks everyone that came out to ring the bell for the Women's Commission!
- 4. New Business
 - a. LVC will be hosting an event, Jazz Musician performance, you do not need to register for the evening performance - The life and work of Frederick Douglas performance 7pm on Tuesday January 21st
 - b. Renata has the ability to share volunteer opportunities with the women's commission
- 5. Good of the Order
 - a. Health Council puts on a Prom Fashion Show prior to the glass slipper which starts at 6pm on the Friday night of Glass Slipper
 - b. March 14th - Healthy kids day at the YMCA
 - c. Recently we have had an abundance of heroin overdoses. The heroin task force is working on the concern and addressing how we can correct it, also having a hard time identifying a source.
 - d. The state of the city is March 18th held by the Community of Lebanon Association. Tickets should be available for sale on www.lebanoncla.com
 - e. Sherry's granddaughter Gia had a bad weekend and might have limited time around us, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers
 - f. Downtown Lebanon Main Street program is hosting their first Gala a Murder Mystery on February 1st. Tickets are available at Wrinkle & Boon or the Chamber or from Jenn. Event will be held at Warehouse 435. Tickets are \$75/person
 - i. This event is the main fundraiser for the downtown and is the event that sustains the downtown program
 - g. SARCC Monte Carlo event is in March, use the passcode speakeasy to get \$25 off your ticket
- 6. Adjournment