



Attendance: Angela Shea, Diedre Carmichael, Yesi de la Torre Matos, Maribel Gonzalez, Beth Wise, Elizabeth Judd, Nicole Mauer, Donna Williams, Jody Lazorcik, Amanda Davis Buie, Kendra Elliot, Brittany Hilton, Emmily Longenecker, Becky Witherite (via phone), Ali Perotto, Jo Ellen Litz

Excused: Ann Decker, Jennifer Bower, Gina Boehler

1. Call to Order - Ali Perotto
 - a. Welcome Activity - **If you could test drive an entirely different profession than the one you're currently in -- or a different version of the one you're in -- what would it be?**
 - i. The commission shared all of their dream careers and why they would choose that career.
2. Commission Action items:
 - a. Secretary Report: Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2020 Meeting. (Emmily) Motion to approve Yesi, 2nd from Amanda.
 - b. Treasurer Report - Review & Approval of financial statement. (Angie)
 - i. Income is coming in from Glass Slipper and Hall of Fame this month
 - ii. Glass slipper expenses were around \$800 and budge
 - iii. Motion to approve by Elizabeth Judd, and 2nd from Donna Williams.
3. Committee Action Items and Updates:
 - a. Commission Chair Updates- Ali
 - i. Thank you to the Glass Slipper Committee for their hard work, and congrats on another successful event.
 1. Saw lots of posting on social media and it looked like it was a hit!
 - ii. Reminder - Commission members are an important group to have at the Women's Hall of Fame. Please remember to purchase your tickets for the event. As chair, I am encouraging all members to attend and support the committee and the induction of this year's inductees!
 1. Thankful to Becky and Bev for all of their hard work in putting on this event. We currently have about 40 seats left! We need to have a count to Stone Ridge by the 17th
 2. There are pins available for purchase. They cost \$20 and will be available through Becky at the luncheon.
 - iii. Ad-Hoc Website Committee - The website planning committee met with Danielle and Thomas from the county IT department, and will be working with them to update and plan for archiving of web content. We learned a great deal about the future plans for the county website and the capacity to host our content. The committee will meet again to plan the content and then provide updates to the commission and subcommittees on what to expect.
 - b. Glass Slipper

- i. Dress Sale Results:
 - 1. Donations - 355 Dresses were donated between the fall collection and the beginning of our sale.
 - 2. More numbers coming
- ii. Prom Dress Ticket Winners have been chosen. There are 7 winners from the following schools: ELCO, Cedar Crest, Lebanon, Lebanon Catholic, Northern Lebanon, Annville Cleona, and Conrad Weiser.
- iii. There was also a request that came from Northern Lebanon School District:
 - 1. A few years ago, the Women's Commission purchased a prom ticket for a student in foster care. I have a student who is currently classified as homeless and not living with either parent nor is she being supported by them. I know she wants to go to the prom. Do you know if they are still helping out kids in this situation.
 - 2. A ticket to the Northern Lebanon prom is \$50.00
 - a. Emmily makes a motion
 - b. Beth Wise 2nd
 - c. All in favor
 - 3. Nicki will get the receipt from the Fashion Show to Angie
- c. Hall of Fame - Becky
 - i. We need to get your RSVP for the event. We have not heard from all of you, and we need your support. [Our count is at 176 and we can seat 225, so please give us your support. This is the only fundraiser for the Commission for Women, which allows the Commission to give out grants, etc.](#)
 - ii. Since the Hall of Fame's inception, Alicia Richards has graciously served as our Master of Ceremony. For this reason, we would like to honor her dedication to our organization in a special way. Due to her involvement in various organizations connected to the battle against breast cancer, we would like to donate to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition in her honor.
 - 1. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition and write Alicia Richards in the memo. (Your donation is tax deductible.) All checks will be compiled and on the day of the event, a large check will be presented to her. We are hoping to keep this a surprise, so please do not let Ms. Richards know of our plans. Please bring your checks to our Lebanon County Commission meeting on either February 12 or March 11. Checks can also be mailed to Beth Wise at 123 North Zinns Mill Road, Lebanon, Pa. 17042. Thank you for your consideration to honor our [MC](#) and donate to a worthy cause.
 - 2. At this point we have collected \$340 towards the PA Breast Cancer Coalition. Checks need to get to Beth Wise before the event.
 - iii. [COVID-19 update: Stone ridge has restricted visitation. They will be deciding tomorrow if they will host our event. If they decide to host it, Bev and Becky would decide by Monday the 16th if we would make a change. If we do make a change there will be a lot of work in reaching out to all of the attendees and will take help to make that happen. The committee wants to do the right thing in](#)

making a decision to cancel or postpone. If there is a postponement it will probably be into April or May.

- iv. Please like the event on facebook and share it. <https://facebook.com/events/s/2020-womens-hall-of-fame-lunch/2471944003043789/?ti=icl>

d. Nominating Committee - Donna

- i. Our current roster has been updated and membership is at 19. Our by-laws state membership is capped at 21.
 - 1. We are scheduled to meet with Maine Keith March 12. Main is well known in the community and is extremely interested in serving on the commission.
 - 2. 2 emails were sent to another woman but have not received a response.
 - 3. In looking at potential members, we strive to have the Commission reflect the demographics of our community. The job of the Nominating Committee is to review membership to assure we are reflective of the community and if there are any gaps - we will select a candidate that can fill that gap.
 - 4. We have been having some comments on Facebook but no follow through when they are reached out to. If you do have any suggestions give the information to Ali or Donna
- ii. Congratulations to Ali Mailen Perrotto who agreed to a second term! Thank you to Ali for your commitment to the Commission and the Community :)
- iii. Welcome Maribel Gonzalez to the Nominating Committee!

e. Grants Committee - Nikki

- i. We received three grant requests totaling \$6,100 in asks. The grants committee will be meeting soon to grade and review the applications. Then we will provide a recommendation to the board!
- ii. Phone call scheduled tomorrow for review of the grants

f. Public Relations & Education - Amanda & Ann

- i. The public relations committee is having a meeting tonight!
- ii. The public relations committee has continued to increase the Lebanon County Women's Commission presence and provide information to the members and the public. Our goal continues to be to spread information about self-love, self-care, triumphs of women, and information that motivates, inspires, and educates. The public relations committee has continued to share posts daily including Self-Care Sundays, Motivational Mondays, Tough Talk Tuesdays, Wellness Wednesdays, True Tale Thursdays, and Fearless Fridays.
- iii. The committee is also continuing with Lebanon's Finest Females and are still looking for submissions! So please send us a Lebanon County Lady who deserves a nice shout out/recognition for her work. For Know Your Women's Commission – thank you Ali and Donna for sending us your bio! We would like the members of the commission to email us a picture and write-up about herself so we can share it through the Know Your Women's Commission thread. We currently have event pages created for the Hall of Fame Luncheon and The Mini-Grant Proposals. Thank you!

4. New Business

- a. Girls on the Run contact with Laurie no longer being a commission member.
 - i. Donna Williams will be able to report on the happenings of Girl on the Run
 - b. Laurie Funk's father passed away over the weekend. A motion was made to send a fruit arrangement to Laurie by Yesi, 2nd by Donna Williams and all in favor.
5. Good of the Order
- a. SARCC has officially opened the LGBTQ center! Turnout for the grand opening was great. Approximately 30-40 people were there for the event.
 - b. Threshold is hosting a walk/run on March 28th at 8am are a part of a coalitoin for a suicide hotline being held at PennState Berks campus
 - c. Swatara watershed has completed their video. You can see the video on their website or look for it on Jo Ellen's facebook page. All scenes from Lebanon County
 - d. Dauphin County, from free to \$25, therapeutic mental health sessions are being offered. Tuesday and Thursday 5-9pm. If you're interested send Amanda Davis Buie for more information. All ages welcome
 - e. Compeer update: Giant is selling reusable bags during the month of April and \$1 goes to Compeer, also as a part of United Way day of Caring they are providing a free car wash service for veterans and every 4th friday at 9am they do free breakfast for vets at Heisey's Diner.
 - f. Healthy Kids Day is a go for Saturday 10-1 at the YMCA.
 - g. Spring walking program is coming back this April in the Downtown on Wednesday nights starting at 5:30pm this is an 8 week series. Also a first friday walk at noon to get out and walk during lunch time. Next month we will meet at 9th and Cumberland street at noon on April 3rd.
 - h. Well Span and the local Health Coalitions are working together for how to respond to the virius. Remember that when you are in contact with a vulnerable person, wash your hands and surfaces when in contact with them. This will also cause social isolation so remember to reach out to those that could be isolated. Remember that it does take 11 days for the virus to show so keep up with washing your hands.
 - i. SARCC is hosting their Thriving Walk as a part of the Summer Fest which will be held in Myerstown this year. If you or a group you are a part of would like to participate get in touch with Ali.
 - j. The Lebanon Community Theater is running A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Farm which opens tonight. Beth Wise's 2 daughters are in the musical as well as Sherry Capello's son.
6. Adjournment
- a. 1st Yesi, 2nd Brittany