

LAFAYETTE COMMISSION ON THE NEEDS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2016

Members Present: Megan Morris, Elsie Jones-Azare, Trasima Richard, Kris Manuel-Sparks, Brenda Andrus, Bernadette Castille, Christy Lenahan, Sally Donlon, Elaine White, Martha Bryant, Marlice Young-Dugas, Fantacee Brown, Amy Deaville LCG Liaison

Members Excused: JoAnn LeJune

Members Unexcused: Peggy Andrus

The meeting was called to order by Megan Morris at 5:32 pm.

PURPOSE

Brenda Andrus read the purpose.

REFLECTION

Marlice Young-Dugas gave the reflection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 29, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Elsie Jones-Azare to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Christy Lenahan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trasima Richard gave the September 2016 treasurer's report. Trasima reported that there was a discrepancy with the check written to the Post Office. On the treasurer report it shows \$130.00 and should read \$150.00. Motion made by Kris Manuel-Sparks to accept the report as corrected, seconded by Elaine White. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Marlice Young-Dugas reported that October is domestic violence month. Also Take Back the Night will be happening this month in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Health/Legislative/Legal: Elaine White reported there was not anything to report from the Health Committee or Legislative/Legal Committee. However, Elaine stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Membership/Hospitality: Brenda Andrus reported that we still need five (5) new members to fill the vacant seats on the Board and that Peggy Andrus could be moving out of state. That will mean we need six (6) new members. She has two (2) applications that were collected from the Swap Meet. Elsie Jones-Azare asked if we will have application forms at the Women of Excellence Awards Banquet to be held October 7, 2016 and Brenda stated that we would. Marlice Young-Dugas stated that she has two (2) names from the Latino community that she may be able to have applications from. Brenda will determine a date for interviews of new

applicants after the Women of Excellence Awards Banquet. Brenda indicated that if there were enough applications, they would stop taking new applications October 30, 2016.

Publicity/Public Relations: Kris Manuel-Sparks stated that there was not anything new for this committee. Kris also stated that PSA's were resent two (2) weeks ago to all media and news outlets. Kris contacted KATC-TV3 and asked if it might be possible to send someone to the WOE Banquet to do a quick spot for the news. They replied they would put it on the schedule. Brenda Andrus stated that she was on Good Morning Acadiana on September 27, 2016 in regards to the WOE Banquet. Megan Morris asked Kris to contact Daily Advertiser and The Advocate to see if they can attend the banquet.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. LCNW Newsletter: Martha Bryant stated that she had only received one (1) article from Elaine White for the newsletter. Megan said that we should move putting out the first one to 2017. Megan also stated that we should take a vote on whether to have the newsletter at all. Elsie Jones-Azare stated that we have the presentation from Project Armchair to use and Marlice Young-Dugas said that she had photos from the Night of Hope event. Brenda Andrus will forward Dr. Brabant's bio for inclusion in the newsletter. Elaine said that December is AID's Awareness Month and that should be added also. It was decided that Martha will get the newsletter out for December and it will be emailed to LCG to publish on our website.
- b. AOC TV Update: Marlice Young-Dugas said it has been very hard to get in touch with the men running the shows for AOC. She also stated that it would be \$25 per person (if 4 or more) for yearly dues. People with memberships have access to classes through AOC on producing shows. Fantacee Brown apologized for not helping to follow up on this and that she would go by AOC and try to speak in person with someone. Megan asked Marlice to follow up on this as quickly as possible. A committee was formed with the following: Marlice Young-Dugas, Brenda Andrus, Sally Donlon, Bernadette Castille, Fantacee Brown and Christy Lenahan. Sally will contact AOC for a meeting.
- c. SWAP Meet: Megan Morris thought that this event held promising exposure. Christy Lenahan said that she had one (1) application that was turned in to her. Megan had one (1) application also. They were given to Membership Chair Brenda Andrus.
- d. Women of Excellence Awards Banquet: Megan Morris asked that all LCNW members be at the City Club by 10:00 am, Friday, October 7, 2016 in the Fleur des Lis Ballroom in order to have everything ready for 11:00. Megan also stated that there are eighteen (18) tables sold at this point, but we may have more tables to set up once we start the event. All members need to purchase their tickets, return tickets not sold and turn in any monies collected to Kris Manuel-Sparks. Megan also asked that all members help guide guests to their tables and make sure that they were close to their award recipient's tables. Megan asked that all LCNW members stay for a group photo after the banquet is over and to help get photos of all recipient's and dignitaries that are in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fantacee Brown said that the Lake Charles Commission on the Needs of Women Conference will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, \$35 pre-registration with keynote speaker Felicia Rashad. Brenda Andrus, Elsie Jones-Azare, Fantacee Brown, Marlice Young-Dugas and Megan Morris said they would like to attend.

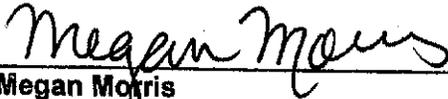
New Member Recruit: Brenda Andrus asked everyone to try and get applications at the WOE Banquet for new members as we need five (5) as Peggy Andrus might be moving out of town.

Oil Center Festival of Lights: Megan Morris stated that she is in charge of OCF this year and would like to have volunteers to help set up, work booths, etc. She has put the event on SignupGenius where you can volunteer or get in touch with her.

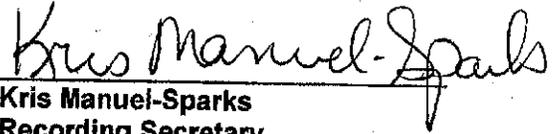
Move the Mindset Community with Bookread: Sally Donlon stated discussion of the book "Slavery by Another Name" will be Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:00 pm at the Lafayette Public Library Main Branch, 2nd Floor. This will be a 3-part discussion group.

Lupus Event: Brenda Andrus thanked everyone who purchased tickets for this event. Said the turnout was extremely well received.

ADJOURN – Megan Morris adjourned meeting at 6:40 pm. Motion made by Sally Donlon, seconded by Elsie Jones-Azare.



Megan Morris
President



Kris Manuel-Sparks
Recording Secretary