Durham County Women’s Commission (DCWC) Minutes

02/27/2017

In attendance: Zion Tankard, Kim Cameron, Shauna Johnson, Ruebe Holmes, Lisa Gabriel Doreen Johnson, Kristen Powers, Anna Davis, Joy Spencer

Absent: Rosa Anderson, Azilee Thomas, Joelle Carter, Sandra Howell, Sheila Arias, Tanya Mitchell, Amy Alspaugh

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Commissioner Tankard

**Treasurer’s report:** $156 subtract $50 for centerpieces, $20 for flower donation for Womens Awareness Day and $25 ticket reimbursement to Kim. $55 left in treasury to be used for the brunch.

**Status of Women Committee Update**- Women in County Managers positions across NC. Citizen Times article from 2/20/2017. Rise in the number of women county managers in NC. There were 8 women in 2014 and 21 in 2017. In the US less than 15% of local government managers are women. There is an interest in growing new leaders and talent from organizations like International City and County Managers Association and NC City and County Managers Association. MPA programs at Universities are also instrumental to training and providing a diverse talent pool trained in county management.

The DCWC welcomed Joy Spencer as a new member.

Women NC Local to Global Event Recap- The event was seen as inspiring and impressive. Some were not aware that women were still fighting these issues. The young presenters were described as smart intelligent and poised. The presentations will be presented to the County Commissioners in March 2017. CEDAW Award Winner Cameron Smith wants to come and say thank you to the Women’s’ commission.

Women’s Awareness Day is on April 8- We should get a fresh flower arrangement.

NC Commissioners Brunch- April 29, 2017 10 am -12 pm- DCWC is hosting the free brunch. The Multipurpose Room at the John O’ Daniel Exchange holds 75 people. There will be a March 6 planning meeting. Commissioner Gabriel said that we should have one accord on what to press the state for. Commissioner Cameron said that we should be a participant not facilitator to keep other commissions participating and to not impose our will.

RSVPs so far: Durham County Commissioner, Durham City Council, Greensboro Commission on Status of Women, Buncombe County Women’s Commission, UN Women- National Committee NC Chapter, Cleveland County Commission for Women, and NC Council for Women. City of Durham Women’s Council will help to host.

Possible facilitators could be Mamie Webb Bledsoe, Gracie Johnson-Lopez or Gail Wilkins.

Food for brunch: Juice, coffee, fruit, muffins, croissants, veggies. Members need to come early to set up.

NC Council Women Luncheon March 30

January meeting minutes were approved with the correction that Anna was present.

**Next meeting- March 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruebe Holmes