**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 27, 2020**

Commissioners Present: K.D. Ann Welsh, Vivian Slade, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Ruebe Holmes, Aquaris Anderson, Milicia Tedder, Jenny Gomez, Jessica Slice, Tamika McRae, Kim Cameron, Cheryl Ann Welsh

Commissioners Excused: Joy Spencer and Brianna Van Stekelenburg

Commissioners Absent: Elizabeth Morrell and Sara Bausch

**Chair Report - Vivian Slade**

Vivian introduced new Commissioner Cheryl Ann Welsh, and guests Mary Williams-Stover and Kristen Kincade-Coats. Vivian and Cynthia attended (virtually) [When Women Gather](https://www.lwvwake.org/when-women-gather-conference), learning more about and discussing the 19th Amendment and how women of color were marginalized during the suffrage movement. Vivian will share next steps from the conference at our next meeting. Jessica Slice is moving out of the country at the end of July.

**Vice Chair Report – Jenny Gomez**

No update on the Resource Booklet. Jenny will resend the link and circulate to Durham organizations. Joy is looking for assistance with Black Maternal Health Resolutions, if interested please email Vivian.

**Committee Updates**

* Joy is looking for assistance with Black Maternal Health Resolutions, if interested please email Vivian.
* Social Justice Committee is currently focusing on economic development and women in the workforce, will begin reaching out to businiesses to inquire about hiring and promotion policies regarding women and POC. Currently the committee members are Cynthia and Aquarias. With Jessica leaving, Patti will join.
* Social Media and Newsletter- Ruebe will focus on women’s right to vote in August, highlighting African American women’s voting rights. In coming months DCWC social media will promote voter registration and information. No newsletter update.

**Treasurer’s Report- Patti**

The County disallowed donating our remaining funds, and all spending requests require a two-week notice. We start July 1 with a new budget of $500. Vivian would like to spend some of the budget on business cards for DCWC. Vivian will reach out the Dr. Williams at UNC about another grant, last year this grant funded $6,000.

**Approve June meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes approved by Ruebe, Cynthia second.

**Special Guests:**

- Kristen Kincade-Coats presented information about the status of the 2020 Census in NC. As of our meeting (July 27) Durham County had 57.2% response rate, the state of NC has a 58.7% response rate.

- Mary Williams-Stover, ED of NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement, asked DCWC to contribute to NC’s status of women report for 2020. Governor Cooper has declared August 26, 2020 is Women’s Equality Day.