

# DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION (DCWC)

MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 21, 2012

**Present:** Heidi Marks, Marissa Streyle, Jina Dhillon, Jocelyn Harper, Carnetta Reid,

**Absent:** Debra Wallace, Diana Freeman, Sharon Mullen, Danielle Kowalczyk, Shonda Santos, Rosa Anderson, Stephanie Watson, Sandra Davis, Tammy Ferrell

**Guest:** Nancy Cox, Member of the Durham County School Board

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

## II. Treasurer's Report

\$459.97 treasurer's report, Commissioner Marks will speak with Mike Davis about whether or not the Commission's budget carries over year to year. It's likely that there will be some expenses associated with doing the Assembly later in the year.

## III. Old Business

Regarding the Commission's previous discussion about using social media to advertise events, Commissioner Marks will also discuss this with Mr. Davis. For the time being, the Commission may send announcements to the administrator of the Durham County government Facebook page who will then post them.

Regarding the Women's Issue Assembly, September would be the best time to hold the Assembly and a Saturday may be the best day of the week to bring in a large audience. The ideal audience size is about 40 to 50 people. Duke, NCCU, the main library or the Emily K Center could all be locations for the event. At the Commission's next meeting members will review the issues and determine which to include in the Assembly.

## IV. New Business

Commissioner Marks notified the Commission that she received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Lois Murphy. Since attendance was low at this meeting a discussion about Commission elections will be postponed to the next meeting. Four positions need to be filled.

Nancy Cox, a member of the Durham County School Board spoke to the DCWC as a special guest and described the students the Durham County School System serves, special programs the school district offers, such as those for pregnant girls and older students, and partnerships the school district has with other organizations in the community to deliver services. When asked to describe the biggest need for the school district, Ms. Cox said increased funding for pre-K programs. She explained that there's very limited early childhood care in downtown Durham, so it's extremely important to ensure that the school system can offer that support. Ms. Cox suggested to the Commission that serving as a College and Career Mentor for high school students would be very beneficial to the students and a tremendous way to serve the school system.

**V. Adjournment**