



Minutes

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (MCSW)

Meeting – Tuesday April 7, 2015 at 12:00 noon

City Hall, 212 SW 9th St

Commission Members Present: Jennifer Tuttle, Jennifer Ellis, Nicole Bucher, Toni Capra, V Gay McGahee, Teresa Adair, Lynne Miller, Tiffany Spears, Cristi Cardenas, Vera Oldham, Mary Dizindole, Tracy Rogers-Burke, Lisa Johnson, and Irma Newburn.

Commission Members Absent: Brandi Whatley and Yvonne Moore.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Taken
Call to order	Chairperson J. Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm	Quorum was present.
Minutes of March 3, 2015	There were no changes to the minutes	T. Capra motioned to approve, L. Miller 2 nd , and members voted to approve.
		J. Ellis welcomed new member Irma Newburn.
Suits for Success	Need a work day soon to sort clothes. We want to partner with the Goodwill's Career Development Center to assist with resumes and interview skills.	No Action Taken
Website	Not discussed.	
Citizen of the Month	Cherelene Glover-Johnson is the citizen of the Month for April. She will receive her award at the April 28 th City Council Meeting.	All members are asked to attend.
Comanche County Women of the Year Update	Seven applications were received. The committee (J. Ellis, C. Cardenas, J. Tuttle, V. Oldham, T. Capra, Y. Moore, and C. Glover-Johnson) reviewed them. J. Ellis will notify Martha McCartney, Brenda Spenser-Ragland, Kris Gill, and Kathy Banks Monroe and ask them to make arrangements with Lisa to get their pictures taken.	Please ask for donations in four for baskets. The presentation ceremony is May 16 th . The 3 non-selected women will be the Citizen of the Month for the next 3 months.
MCSW Scholarship	C. Cardenas received 13 applications and the committee will select 2 winners for \$500 each.	C. Cardenas is writing detailed procedures for future use.
Slate of Officers	C. Cardenas contacted each of the nominated officers and all agree to serve.	The MCSW members will vote on the slate on May 5 th .
By-Laws Amendment	C. Cardenas proposed removing "The Executive Board of the MCSW will convene an independent panel of judges, consisting of five (5) members of the Lawton-Fort Sill community to review nominations and select the Outstanding Woman of Comanche County." For ARTICLE X, Sections 3, A because the Commission would like to have the final say in who receives the award. In addition, she proposed change "the Lawton-Fort Sill Community" to "Comanche County" in ARTICLE X, Section 3, B in order to include citizens that live outside the city but volunteer with organizations in the city.	T. Rogers-Burke motioned to approve, L. Johnson 2 nd . Motion passed.
Oklahoma Women's Coalition Partnership	J. Ellis reported the League of Women voters would like to partner with MCSW and we are waiting for the Oklahoma Women's Coalition to tell us the benefits of partnering with them. It costs \$150 per year.	No action taken.
Reports	Chairperson: J. Ellis wants to introduce	

Chairperson, 1st Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Membership, Publicity, Historian, Outstanding Citizen	members to the City Council and explain what we do for them. We still need representatives from Wards 2 and 8 and one ad hoc. 1st Vice Chairperson: No Report. 2nd Vice Chairperson: No Report. Treasurer: We need to spend our money before the end of April. We have funds for the scholarships and are within budget for the Outstanding Woman of Comanche County. Parliamentarian: C. Cardenas announced her replacement is Erin Delaney. Membership: J. Ellis will send out an updated roster. Publicity: We can post to our Facebook wall and invite friends to like our page. Education: No Report. Historian: No Report. Outstanding Citizen Chairperson: May through July will be the 3 non-selected Outstanding Woman of Comanche County nominees.	
Nominations:	No Report.	
Old Business	None	None
New Business	There is a hiring event at Cameron University in September. We can partner with them and other organizations and companies to get the word out about Suits for Success. We can also participate in Job Fairs.	No action taken.
Announcements	J. Tuttle asked everyone to register for the Scott Burrows event.	
Adjournment & Next Meeting	J. Tuttle motioned to adjourn the meeting and T. Rogers-Burke 2 nd . The next MCSW meeting is May 5, 2015, 12:00 pm at City Hall, 212 SW 9 th Street, 3 rd floor conference room.	Chairperson J. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Young, April 27, 2015.