



MINUTES

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

Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – 12:00 Noon

Lawton City Hall 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, OK 73501

Members Present: Christi Chamber, Rebecca McKeown, Alice Combs, Dr. Chearlene Glover Johnson, Ph.D, Lucy Laird, Jeanette Clement, Katie Noffske, Ellouise Love, Anita Alford

Absent: Amy Ewing-Holmstrom, Patsy Hackworth, Heather Clement, Edwina Reddick

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was not called to order due to the lack of a quorum present. No action taken on any item.
- II. Consider approval of April 2, 2013 meeting of the MCSW minutes. Corrections noted were: the word quorum was misspelled, and Ellouise Love's name was missing from "Members Present."
- III. REPORTS:
 - A. CHAIRPERSON:
 - Christi Chambers welcomed members to the meeting. An idea was suggested to showcase pictures of nominees of the Outstanding Women of Comanche County with their bios. Nancy Anderson has agreed to hang pictures and bios in the art gallery July 6, 2013. Concern: Check with mayor to ensure he agrees with this decision.
 - Membership and quorum: Appointments are 2 years each. Members may serve 3 terms.
 - What happened to other names submitted for membership? MCSW cannot continue with not having a quorum. The committee cannot take action on submitted ideas.
 - Names will be submitted to City Council for approval. Cheryl Hankins, Jennifer Krebs, Ellis.
 - B. FIRST VICE CHAIRPERSON: - Dr. Chearlene Johnson has had no response from JoHari about the website. She has left messages to no avail. A suggestion was made to contact someone who knows him to see if they can get some action or info about the website.
 - C. SECOND VICE CHAIRPERSON – VACANT
 - D. TREASURER –

- E. **Parliamentarian:** Rebecca McKeown spoke about a quorum and getting something to new members that is easier to read. Give prospective members an idea of the mission of MCSW. Women must be dedicated to MCSW and attend all meetings. By-laws must be revised. Attendance is required with no more than 3 absences without prior notification to the committee.
- F. **MEMBERSHIP:** Lucy Laird and Christi Chambers. Membership in the Chamber. Cost is \$125.00 annually. Ms. Laird will pay, but she cannot be secretary.
- G. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Ms. Anita Alford asked to make an announcement about a project. The Department of Corrections is conducting free tours to participants including lunch to prisons in Oklahoma. It is felt it would give citizens a better understanding of these centers and why prisoners are assigned to each. She assured members would be safe and the trips are all one day trips. If members are willing to participate, contact Ms. Alford NLT May 9, 2013 and tell her which trips you are available. See dates and trips below. Contact info 580-591-5584 or anita.alford@doc.state.ok
- July 23 – Lexington Assessment & Reception Center – receptions and all male medium security prison.
 - July 30 – Mabel Bassett Correctional Center – largest all female medium security prison.
 - August 6 – Oklahoma State Reformatory – all male medium and minimum security prison (garment factory/agricultural services)
 - August 13 – Oklahoma State Penitentiary – only and oldest maximum security prison, Jackie Brannon Correctional Center – Oldest all male minimum security prison.
- H. **PUBLICITY** – Vacant
- I. **EDUCATION** – Vacant
- J. **HISTORIAN** – Vacant
- K. **CITIZEN OF THE MONTH** – Members were reminded to be at City Hall May 14, 2013 by 5:45 p.m. Donna Campos-Barahona is the recipient. Flowers were discussed.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Outstanding Woman of Comanche County event discussion, pros & cons

- Thanks to all who worked and/or attended the program. The event went well.
- Next year, purchase less food. (if the same format is used as 2013) Booze went well.
- Seating must be available for all as some guests cannot stand for long periods.
- Good idea to have the previous winner involved as well as the mayor presenting the award.
- Some feedback was sent via email to Ms. McKeown. She was asked to bring those comments to the committee.

- It was suggested the next program be conducted during the day with a charge of \$15.00 for lunch. The location will have seating and decorations done, saving the committee the hassle of decorating, bringing items from home, etc. Work should be spread more equally among members.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Members decided to meet in June and July to brainstorm and organize the MCSW and its mission. Each person is to bring their thoughts about setting up priorities of the organization; give plans and ideas on what the committee's goals are as well as plan budgets for activities. Also, plan activities or functions that would benefit the community. Make sure the purpose and mission of the MCSW is clear and understood by all members which will help with recruitment. It was stated that members could not actually tell a prospective member what the MCSW does other than the CC Women of the Year event.
- There was mention of sorting items clothing and getting them cleaned in the storage place.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Next MCSW Meeting: Noon, June 4, 2013 at City Hall, Room 202A.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 1:00 p.m.

Ellouise Love
Acting Secretary, MCWS