



MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

07 June 2022

City Hall - 1st Floor Banquet Room

212 SW 9th Street

- I. Call to order, roll call.
The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.
Parliamentarian, D. Blackburn, called roll.
PRESENT: Melody Scott, Charise Walker, Dana Parrish, Emily Ellis, Dobanney Scott, Luanne Gallagher, Vera Oldham, Cheryl Tate, Brandi Thomas, Danielle Brewer, Samantha Lankford, Dani Blackburn, Sarah Woods
ASBSENT: Sara Paape, Indie Michaels, Ginny Sahler, Maria Meredith, Jean Bewley Peterson, Christina Woodson
- II. Allow for guests to speak (5 minutes)
Per motion made/approved on 2-1-2022, each meeting of MCSW will open the floor during the first 5 minutes of each meeting for guest to speak or introduce themselves.
Mrs. Terry (guest of D. Scott) introduced herself

S. Woods asked Mrs. Terry what kind of items are needed by women coming out of incarceration. Mrs. Terry replied that they need most everything to set up a household: sheets, towels, kitchen items, etc.
- III. Discuss and act on approval of MAY 03, 2022 meeting minutes.
S. Woods requested that the spelling of her name be changed to Sarah Woods in the minutes and on the roster. B. Thomas asked for clarification on the recorded date of the minutes approved at the May meeting were indeed the February minutes. The other members explained that we did not have a quorum in March or April and should be noted in the minutes and an asterisk be placed on the roster to indicate months that did not have a quorum.

MOTION: S. Woods
SECOND: B. Thomas
PARLIAMENTARIAN D. BLACKBURN CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE
AYES: 9 NAYS: 0
- IV. Officer Induction
Effective July 1, 2022

CHAIR: DR. S. LANKFORD
VICE-CHAIR: C. WALKER
2ND VICE CHAIR: M. MEREDITH
TREASURER: B. THOMAS
SECRETARY: C. WOODSON

- V. Discuss and act on the future of Suits for Success- relocation/possible partnership
Cosmetics Specialty Labs needs to reclaim the space where Suits for Success is currently housed so it needs to be relocated. D. Blackburn volunteered to call Lauren Ellis at the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma to possibly identify local agencies that would be willing to house Suits for Success. S. Woods suggested Goodwill and Bridges Out of Poverty because both have similar programs and contacts with persons needing help. D. Scott wanted the opportunity to check with her church and/or a non-profit and also a Fort Sill entity was mentioned. It was agreed that all information mentioned should be investigated and brought to the MCSW. It will be placed on the September agenda.
- VI. Discuss possible solutions/ways to get commissioners to attend meetings regularly.
Items VI and VII were placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Stan Booker. E. Ellis suggested that the city council/county commissioners appoint responsible person to fill positions. D. Blackburn stated the meeting time could be a problem because many members have to choose between eating and attending the meeting. S. Woods asked if we could have lunch available to eliminate having to make that choice. V. Oldham, D. Brewer and B. Thomas stated that they could take turns providing lunches for a nominal fee. D. Scott also mentioned that she knew of an individual that could provide lunches. This will be explored and possibly put into place before the August meeting.
- VII. Discuss ways and “commit to BUG the council members to fill their slots”
We should be accountable to our own city councilperson/county commissioner to insure that all positions remain filled.
- VIII. Discuss Sexual Assault Prevention Taskforce (Dr. Samantha Lankford with more information)
B. Thomas gave a report on a meeting regarding a sexual assault response team. The area currently does not have a nurse trained to administer assistance to a sexual assault victim.
- IX.. Discuss ways to work with LBW and/or other women’s groups to work with/assist the sexual assault response task force
S. Lankford stated that this is a very broad project. D. Blackburn asked if the mayor is asking MCSW to take on this as a task force of MCSW. Several members asked if this was in the MCSW By-Laws and questioned what expertise do we have to provide this to the citizens. Guest Terry explained that possibly MCSW was being asked to help coordinate resources and to provide prevention training. D. Blackburn stated we should go to the mayor because this does not fall within our By-Laws and we cannot be the task force. B. Thomas stated that we need clarification from the mayor as to what he is requesting from MCSW. D. Blackburn requested that we invite Mayor Stan Booker to the August meeting to discuss this further. This will be placed on the August agenda.
- X. Discuss and act on any fund requests for the Mayor’s Office (Due by last business day of May)

The ribbon cutting event has been cancelled due to missing the deadline for expenses to be turned in to the City of Lawton
- XI. Discuss and establish/fill out an Outstanding Citizen Committee.- New application Vincent Mesco
S. Paape has resigned from this committee. D. Blackburn will contact S. Paape to see if any awards/applications are waiting to be processed. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact S. Lankford.

XII.

Reports:

No reports were given because the meeting ran long and people had obligations to be elsewhere.

- CHAIRPERSON: Emily Ellis
- FIRST VICE CHAIR: Dr. Samantha Lankford
- SECOND VICE CHAIR: Brandi Thomas
- TREASURER: Charise Walker
- PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dani Blackburn
- MEMBERSHIP: Jennifer Ellis
- PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA: Cheryl Tate
- EDUCATION: Charise Walker
- OUTSTANDING CITIZEN:
- WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Dr. Samantha Lankford
- SUITS FOR SUCCESS: Luanne Gallagher
- 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN: Dr. Samantha Lankford
- STEERING COMMITTEE: Sara Paape
- BYLAWS: Dani Blackburn
- NOMINATING: Dani Blackburn

XIII.

Old Business:

- Schedule Suits for Success Clean Up Days: June 11th 1:-3:00
Clean up days have been suspended pending possible relocation of Suits for Success

XIV.

New Business:

No new business.

V.

Announcements:

No announcements due to meeting running long.

- Great Plains Technology Center Update:
- Cameron University Update:
- THANK YOU ALL FOR THE BABY SHOWER!!!!

NEXT MEETING: 2 AUGUST 2022

XVI. Adjournment:

MOTION: S Woods

SECOND: C. Tate

AYES: 9 NAYS: 0

MEETING NOTES SUBMITTED BY:

DANA PARRISH

JUNE 7, 2022

MINUTES APPROVED ON: