



MINUTES

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

Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, July 2, 2013 – 12:00 Noon

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

Members Present: Twelve members present

Christi Chamber	Rebecca McKeown	Alice Combs	Jeanette Clement Shaw
Lucy Laird	Ellouise Love	Katie Noffske	Dr. Chearlene Glover
Amy Ewing-Holmstrom	Edwina Riddick	Lynn Miller	Jennifer Ellis

Absent: Fred Fitch, Patsy Hackworth

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Lucy Laird who acted on behalf of the President who was on the way to the meeting.
- II. Consider approval of June 4, 2013 meeting of the MCSW minutes. Minutes approved.
- III. REPORTS:
 - A. CHAIRPERSON:
Lucy Laird welcomed new members to the meeting: Jennifer Ellis and Lynn Miller. She has ordered name tags for both ladies.
 - B. FIRST VICE CHAIRPERSON: - Chearlene Glover Johnson will have to wait until August to contact Dr. Johari. Cameron is out for summer.
 - C. SECOND VICE CHAIRPERSON – VACANT
 - D. TREASURER – No Report.
- IV. PARLIAMENTARIAN – The Chair has authority to appoint member to hold positions until elections are held. A treasure's report is needed monthly per By-Laws Section 4A.

- E. MEMBERSHIP – Councilman Jackson has recommended Tracy Rogers for approval. Lisa Johnson is another recommendation for MCSW.
- F. PUBLICITY - Amy Ewing-Holmstrom will “reach out” to Fidelity, also do press release to publicize MCSW.
- G. EDUCATION – No Report
- H. HISTORIAN – No Report
- I. OUTSTANDING CITIZEN – MCSW must notify the City Council of presentations prior to the meeting to be put on the agenda.
 - Donna Campos-Barahona is on vacation and has not received her award.
 - Florist should be split up between A Better Design and Ramon’s.
- J. Mission/initiative(s) Chairperson and members selected for each initiative below.,

Education – Chair - Dr. Chearlene Glover / Rebecca McKeown, Lynn Miller

The education initiative will focus on promoting empowerment to and support of women through training and education programs developed to increase knowledge and understanding of social and economic issues related to women and their families.

Note: Add an Oklahoma status/fact on education...

The Mayor's Commission is focused on the following activities for 2013-2014:

- * Creating a program for women released from incarceration to assist with employment preparation (e.g., Suits for Success).
- * Providing education data as related to employment, health, and gender equality (e.g., voting rights & equal pay-League of Women Voters).

Health and Wellness – Chair – Jennifer Ellis / Christi Chambers,

The health initiative will provide outreach to women through community organizing and public education related to women's health issues and nutrition.

Note: Add a fact on Oklahoma's educational status...

The Mayor's Commission is focused on the following activities for 2013-2014:

- * Supporting intervention programs to educate women and their families about health issues, fitness, and nutrition through collaborations with local and state partners (e.g., Fit Kids, Fitness Revolution, Lawton Susan G. Komen Race, Girl Scouts-Juliette Low Leadership Society, Spirit of Survival, etc.).
- * Providing information through participation in events designed to create awareness, provide education, and introduce prevention measures on issues related to well-being, fitness (obesity, exercise, healthy diet, etc.).

Women's Safety and Security/Anti-Violence – Chair – Lucy Laird / Alice Combs, Amy Ewing-Holmstrom, Ellouise Love

This initiative will engage women as partners in the struggle to prevent violence against women.

Note: Add an Oklahoma statistic on violence or a status fact...

The Mayor's Commission is focused on the following activities for 2013-2014:

* Promoting an understanding of the diverse forms of violence against women; engaging women in raising consciousness about safety and security, and introducing interventions that seek to decrease and/or eliminate violence against women (e.g., self defense, home security, neighborhood watch, etc.).

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** Really need a monthly treasure's report per MCSW By-Laws Section 4A.
 - a. Pictures of Outstanding Women of Comanche County will be displayed in September 7, 2013 in the Leslie Powell Gallery.
 - i. Present nomination to Jody Sherry at Opening.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** Self Defense Activity. Chief of Police will do it and partner with Jamark. Liability not a problem. Event needs to engage in hands-on activity and be inquiry-based.
- VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**
 - 5 August – Girl Scout Cookies & Courts 5:30-7:30 with Oklahoma wine tasting and cookie creations. Tickets are \$25.00 and this is a fundraiser.
 - Family Promise to receive donation at Grand Opening of T.J. Max.
 - Next MCSW Meeting: Noon, August 6, 2013 at City Hall, Room 202A. Christie will have another table/chairs for members.
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT 12:55 p.m.**

Ellouise Love
Acting Secretary, MCWS