

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018 at 2:30 PM
Land O' Lakes Branch Library
2818 Collier Pkwy
Land O Lakes, FL 34639

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Sign In

III. Public Comment Citizens are given an opportunity to comment on any proposition coming before the Committee during Public Comment. The Committee also takes Public Comment on items to be placed on a future Commission on the Status of Women agenda:

Today we had a guest from AAUW, Ms. Disabato

IV. Approval of Minutes from June and August Meeting: Alice made a motion; Gail seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Old Business:

a. During the Strategic Planning Workshop held on September 12th, we came up with a mission statement and a vision statement and began formulating what our focus would be over the next year. Notes taken by Suzanne are attached.

b. Vision: For Pasco to become Florida's premier county for all women of all ages to achieve their fullest potential.

c. Mission: To elevate the status of women through community collaboration.

d. Other Old Business:

i. At our last meeting, it had been suggested that the Commission get name tags for when the members attend community events. The County has facilitated custom name badges for the members. Johanna will disperse.

VI. New Business

a. Dr. Bellas is here today for a follow-up discussion to develop our action plan. Dr. Bella rescheduled due to low attendance - Kelly Mothershead stated that due to the low attendance numbers, we would be changing the meeting to be a discussion with a homework assignment that would go to the whole group. Discussion took place on ideas for our initiative. Working with women in jail and just recently released, was a topic that the group showed interest in. It was suggested that we could work with AmSkills and Marchman and the resources that are in our commission.

b. ACTION PLAN: We would like to narrow the priority on one issue.

Kelly suggested that we make the people coming out of jail; Kelly also discussed the Commission bringing different groups come together such as Take Stock in Children, Big Brothers Big Sisters, FTGI Shine together and go into the schools and mentor young girls. There was discussion of inviting groups to come in and do a presentation to see who we would be able to connect in order to address our vision.

Cheryl Polluck discussed having a county discussion on the status of women in Pasco County. Melanie suggested that our initiative should be to create a white paper on the status of women in Pasco County. And to have a plan to disseminate that information. Melanie also suggested bringing specialized people to come in and educate us on the different aspects of the status of

women. Have focused meetings with specific questions for the speakers to answer. Ask them to bring a 3 page report that we can use

- Education (level, barrier to getting further education)
- Economic Prosperity
- Health and Wellness
- Safety and Access (transportation, housing, resource, etc)

Kelly suggested we then create a white paper and THEN have a summit.

Melanie suggested that the homework is that we list the 4 topics and all the members of the Commission offer names of people and organizations that would come and report on each of these topics. We would need to put together a project plan. Suggestion: Hour of information, hour for the Commission to discuss.

Kelly: We all come up with the resources, what do we need for them, questions that we would ask them, form that the information would be in.

Everyone suggest 2 organizations and what information we would want from them.

Nancy made the point that we need hard data, facts, that is supported by a study; no opinions.

Cheryl suggested us choosing the months in 2019 when we will work on each topic.

Ideas of groups:

- Florida Chamber by county and by zip code
- Pasco County Schools - Education
- EDC

VII. Closing:

a. Review of Assignments

October 26th due date for the homework so that information can be compiled for the November 5th meeting.

b. Miscellaneous Business: Kelly will send out the homework assignment due on October 26th.

c. Agenda for Next Meeting: November 5th - bring information and narrow down who we want to talk to, what we would like for them to present. December 3rd - Possibly start with one of our topics

d. Next CSW monthly meeting is: Monday, November 5, 2018 at 2:30pm

VIII. Adjourn: Suzanne motioned to adjourn, Gail seconded, unanimous.