

Commission for Women

Meeting Minutes 9/8/2021 – Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Kendra Elliot, Emmily Longenecker, Maribel Gonzalez, Maine Keith, Ali Perrotto, Jody Lazorcik, Amanda Guzman, Donna Williams, Emily Long, Jennifer Pensinger, Kendra Moll, Sherry Capello, Mary Banda, Amanda Guzman, Emily Long

- 1) Call to Order - Kendra Elliot
- 2) Opening Activity - Kendra opened with an activity of looking on your phone to find a picture you took this summer that brings you a good memory.
- 3) Financial Report - Emmily will get a financial report out to the commission by the end of the week
- 4) Commission Chair Updates- From Amanda:
 - a) We are requesting a county resolution for a proclamation for World Women's Day (March 8), including a Whereas statement about Lebanon County Women, the Hall of Fame, and the mission of the Lebanon County Commission for Women. Please think about anything in particular you would like to add to this proclamation as we plan to create it and have it prepared for our next meeting.
 - b) Website Update - Ali/ Kendra
 - i) http://www.lebcounty.org/depts/womens_commission/Pages/default.aspx
 - ii) The website planning committee has completed the updates to content on the Commission Website, and everything is current.
 - iii) Future requests for website updates must go through Kendra Elliot, Vice Chair, who will coordinate with county IT services. This includes all updates from subcommittees, like Hall of Fame, Grants, and Glass Slipper.
 - iv) Kendra has sent updates that will be reflected on the website shortly especially from Hall of Fame
- 5) GOTR updates- Maine
 - a) Season starts September 13th
 - i) Lebanon Middle School Team
 - ii) Cornwall Elementary Team
 - iii) Elco Elementary Team
 - b) Final 5k at Millersville University on November 6th
 - c) Fundraising Fun event – Kicking up Kindness on October 15th – for anyone that is interested please reach out to Maine. She will be sending out information to the commission members.
 - d) We usually do a financial gift in October, Maine would like to bring this to discussion.
 - e) There was an article included in Lebtown about the upcoming season.
 - f) Maine will talk to the head coach at Lebanon Y to see if they would like us to coordinate snacks and be back in touch.
- 6) Glass Slipper - Emmily/Jenn - No update
- 7) Hall of Fame - Jody/ Ali
 - a) Call for Nominations for the 2022 Women's Hall of Fame has been posted on the LCCW website and Facebook page starting approximately September 1st. We are receiving nominations until October 31.
 - i) http://www.lebcounty.org/depts/Womens_Commission/Pages/HallofFame.aspx
 - ii) The nomination form is available in both English and Spanish. They can be submitted online, via email or via mail.

- iii) The Hall of Fame luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
- iv) Committee members are beginning to solicit corporate sponsorships for the luncheon. If you have connections for a corporate sponsor, please reach out to Becky Witherite about sponsorship information.
- v) Once we have inductees for the Hall of Fame we will work to contact their friends, families and co-workers for additional sponsorships.
- vi) Some categories are harder to get submissions and it would be helpful to have help working towards getting nominations: science, agriculture and military are the 3 hardest categories. Ali suggested if you know someone who might be a good candidate talk to someone who can nominate that person. A direct request can result in some of the best nominations.
- vii) It would be helpful to go to the Commissions Facebook page and share the post for nominations on your own page to help encourage nominations.

8) Nominating Committee - Donna

- a) There are currently 2 seats that are available on the commission. The committee will work on reviewing the list of people that they have to start reaching out and seeing if that person is interested.
- b) October is the time to work on the slate of officers. If you have any interest in serving in position of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair please contact either Donna or Maribel.
- c) The mentorship program should begin with our October meeting. I am hopeful both girls will join us and we can introduce them to the Commission.
 - i) Donna has been working with Jamie on confirmations for the mentorship program. There were some clearances that were needed in order to be a mentor as well as reviewing a policy that no commission member may transport either of the mentees at any time.
- d) Maribel gave a shoutout to Donna's time and working with her in learning more about the nominating committee and the included responsibilities.

9) Grants Committee – Nikki - No update

10) Public Relations & Education - Brittany, Amanda, Mary

- a) Hall of Fame Call for Nominations Event is published! – PLEASE SHARE!!!!
- b) Trying to focus on one category of HOF a week- highlighting past inductees.
- c) Motivational Monday, Tough Talk Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, True Tales Thursdays, Fierce/ Finest Female Fridays & Self-Care Sundays
- d) The public relations committee has continued to increase the Lebanon County Women's Commission presence and provide information to the members and the public. Our goal continues to be to spread information about self-love, self-care, triumphs of women, and information that motivates, inspires, and educates. The committee would like to continue with Lebanon's Finest Females and are still looking for submissions for *Know Your Women's Commission*. **We would like the members of the commission to email us a picture and write-up about herself so we can share it through the *Know Your Women's Commission* thread. Thank you!**

11) New Business:

- a) Kendra will talk to Amanda about sending something to Ann
- b) Meeting plan for the future:
 - i) At this point the Career and Technology Center is not allowing external meetings to take place in their building. Amanda and Kendra are looking into an outdoor meeting location or another option.
 - ii) Donna did mention that it might be a possibility to meet at LFHS/SARCC
- c) The Women's Expo is coming up on October 18th – if anyone has interest or ability to participate on behalf of the commission, we have the contact information to pass along and connect with them.
 - i) We have not participated in the past that anyone can remember
 - ii) Jo Ellen thought that maybe money is better spent on the great works that we do like supporting the Girls on the Run, grants and scholarships.

- iii) Jennifer Pensinger mentioned that the Breast Cancer Coalition has stopped attending the event as it is expensive and they found that most people were there for freebies and it was hard to connect with attendees.
- iv) Maine mentioned that any chance we have to connect with people and have meaningful conversations it could be worth considering especially since this is a Women's Expo.
- v) Kendra asked if we have anything that we would normally include at an event or on a table. We do have the banner that we can use.
 - (1) Do we want to think about creating a brochure for the Commission for Women to be able to hand out in the future that would include info about grants, Girls on the Run, Glass Slipper, Etc.
- vi) Ali suggested that we table it for this year as it is only 10 days away and it would be a lot of things to gather and get ready.

12) Good of the Order

- a) September 25th – Swatara Water Trails Sip and Stroll
- b) SARCC – holding a joint collection drive with Making Difference collecting toiletries and socks. Everything collected goes to various homeless shelters and food and nurses pantries. This is being held the month of September. There is a large drive on September 25th.
- c) Beginning September 27th – Monday mornings 9am – 10am SARCC is hosting a parents class
- d) SARCC has seen an increase in requests for services on human trafficking. They are working with a task force to prepare our community. Reach out to Ali for more information.
- e) DVI – October 2nd at noon – holding a Duck Derby on the Quittie on 7th Street to recognize Domestic Violence in our Community. Ducks can be adopted.
- f) Sunday September 12th – wrap up of the Grandmother of the Year award via zoom 3pm – 4pm. For more details or the zoom link talk to Maribel.
- g) Lebanon Community Theater has opening night tomorrow night for Cheaper by the Dozen!
- h) Compeer is back in session for free breakfast for vets on the third Friday at 9am at Heisey's Diner.
- i) Compeer on September 30th at 7:30am is doing a free event for vets at Blue Mountain Fishing Lake with free breakfast and lunch.
- j) Compeer has a lottery card fundraiser running now through the end of October. This is a general fundraiser for all of Compeers programs. Cards are available for sale \$10.
- k) Compeer Friendsgiving – November 21st – held for clients, volunteers and community to be held at Mount Hope 1pm – 3pm with a wine tour afterwards.
- l) Lebanon Gifts is kicking off and will be participating in Giving Tuesday for the 5th year. This years event will hopefully have a mixer at the Laugh Lounge in Lebanon. Giving Tuesday is November 30th. At this point there are about 7 non-profits signed up for the event. This event is about the non-profits coming together to support each other and raise awareness for the programs happening in our community.
- m) October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month – PA Breast Cancer Coalition is gearing up for this month. As a reminder the coalition sends care packages to those recently diagnosed with breast cancer. You are always welcome to refer people. Their annual conference will be virtual on October 15th for Breast Cancer Awareness. Email Jennifer Pensinger for more information or access to the conference. Approximately 12,000 women in PA are diagnosed with Breast Cancer. The Coalition serves about 1,500 of them. They are always looing for ways to get the information out to the community. Ali suggested that the commission works to spread the word on this service.
- n) Suicide Prevention Month – reach out to Kendra to get on the communication list for the events happening within our community.

Adjournment – Kendra calls the meeting to a close at 6:48pm.