

Somerville Commission for Women

Regular Meeting

November 28, 2017

6:00pm

Cross Street Center

165 Broadway

Present: Jessica Alter, Co-Chair
Kristen Strezo, Co-Chair
Katie Wallace
Stephanie Goodell
Kat Rutkin
Maggie Norcross Devin
Marlena Erdos
Melissa Alfone
Patricha Paul
Kaitlyn Dmyterko
Cristina DeWeese (Arrived 7:30)

Absent: Daisy Monsalve
Sumayya Essack

Staff Members in Attendance: Chris Hosman

Guests: Holly Fox
Stephanie

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Kristen Strezo at 7:10 p.m.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Kristen Strezo, the October 17th minutes were approved. It was seconded by Kaitlyn Dmyterko. Melissa Alfone abstained.

Steering Committee Update: Reviewed term limits and the process for filling vacancies. Brief overview of community potluck (further discussion moved to new business).

Event Updates: Bystander training was a success. There were 22 attendees. There were originally 36 confirmed. After confirmation email was sent 33 were still confirmed and 22 actually attended. The room at the library was suitable (it was a little too small for one particular activity). Positive feedback and an interest in future partnering was received from CCU as well as an invitation to their Holiday Party. The crowd was diverse. Information about the training was spread to the transgender community through an informal group. Opening activity was productive and was tied into the entire training. Visuals need to be larger. It is difficult to ask participants to play aggressors in role plays. We received \$19.00 in donations. A survey was distributed. Results were discussed and will be made available by the next meeting. Highlights discussed.

Task Force Updates: Organization Task force did not meet

Financial Literacy Task Force did not meet.

Sub-Committee Updates:

Outreach Sub-committee. The outreach sub-committee scheduled a 2 hour evening meeting (4:00-6:00) to discuss outreach and its relationship to the Organization Task Force.

Policy Sub-Committee. Letter of support was sent in regards to the "Babysitting Bill". There was also an interest expressed in providing education around consent. Explored possibility of crafting a resolution addressing consent education with School Committee. Discussion of a bill being presented by Representative Christine Barber around Incarcerated Women there is also a Mass Gaming Bill. Further research is required.

Education Sub-Committee. Looked back at goals and it seems that they are being met. 2 events have been held and there will be 2 more in the Spring. Holly met with Jason Behrens and he would like to help engage High School Juniors and Seniors with the SCW.

Outreach Sub-Committee. November newsletter went out. Logos are ready for vote. Working on a "Year in Review". Once new logo is chosen, all current materials will be reviewed and re-branded. Looking into mailchimp feature of texting to join mailing list. The new logos were distributed and commissioners ranked the 3 options in order of preference. Logo number one received 3 votes and Logo number two received 8 votes. Based on a motion made by Jess Alter and seconded by Stephanie Goodell, the SCW adopted the new logo.

Listening Sessions:

Listening sessions will take place in the month of January in place of subcommittee meetings. The tentative locations are Mystic Housing, North Street Housing, Vida Real, the Council on Aging and St. Anthony's Church. Discussion of formalized vs. more informal structure ensued. Based on a motion made by Katie Wallace and seconded by Jess Alter, the SCW will conduct listening sessions. Marlena Erdos and Stephanie Goodell abstained.

Fundraising:

Fundraising needs to be discussed in detail at the December Meeting.

Somerville Cares About Prevention: SCAP would like to partner with the SCW to present YRBS data at a presentation in January. Chris Hosman will forward further information.

Late agenda items:

Planning discussion for potluck.

Adjourned:

Based on a motion made by Jessica Alter, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Seconded by Melissa Alfone.