

City of Worcester
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Meeting Summary
Date: March 4th, 2014
Worcester City Hall, Room 401

Members Present: Chantel Bethea, Robin Currie, Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, Sarah Gruhin, Jessica Donovan, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Kathy Linton, Karen Pelletier, Sonya Atherley

Staff: Catherine Nash, Human Rights Specialist, Office of Human Rights and Disabilities

1. Call To Order:

There being a quorum the chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

2. Approval of the February 2nd 2014 minutes:

Liz Tomaszewski motioned to approve the minutes without correction

3. Update from Pathways about their proposed scholarship donation

Pathways for Change came forward to donate \$500 to the Young Women of Consequence Award winner. This proposal passed from the City Manager's Office to the City Council for approval. An additional donor has come forward for the honorable mention winner, however given the timing, this may not be possible to process.

4. Review of the draft Y/WoC Program Planning Schedule

Ms. Tomaszewski requested the invitation read Doherty High School Madrigal Singers, and another request was to ensure consistency on the order of the awards in both places on the invitation. Karen will make the necessary changes and send out to the group. The speaker, Helen Vassallo, has been confirmed. The Doherty High School Madrigal Singers program will be confirmed. The winners' bios have been forwarded to the members who are presenting the awards. The Liaison is following up the certificates, gifts and flowers. Members discussed the protocol for politicians - they will be recognized in front of the group and will stand with the committee members presenting the award, and they will present their citations. The room layout and logistics of food, singers, podium and committee placement was discussed, along with a request for recycling bins to be used. Members volunteered to arrive early to set up, some volunteered to stay late to clean up. Members were encouraged to invite from their networks and finalize their RSVPs by March 11th.

5. Adjournment was at 5:56pm