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CITY OF WORCESTER
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

Heather Borelli
Priscilla Elsass
Amanda Gregoire
Deborah Hall
Ariel Lim, Vice Chairperson
Coretta McCarter, Chairperson
Casey Thomas
Tracey Whitney

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday March 3, 2020, 5:45 PM
Worcester City Hall, Room 401 (4th floor)

Members Present: Heather Borelli, Priscilla Elsass, Amanda Gregoire, Coretta McCarter, Tracey Whitney

Member Absent: Deborah Hall, Ariel Lim, Casey Thomas

Staff: Jayna Turcek

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The Chair welcomed Tracey Whitney as the newest Committeewoman.

2. Review and approval of February 4, 2020 meeting minutes

Committeewoman Gregoire motioned to approve the minutes as written and Committeewoman Borelli seconded to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 minutes. All approved.

3. New Business

A. Preparation for 2020 Woman and Young Woman of Consequence Awards

Wonder Women of Worcester Posters (Breaking barriers to elected office)

Chairperson McCarter asked for clarification on why first slate of women were selected. She asked for clarification why Janice Weekes was not selected. Committeewoman responded that she didn't run/was not elected to public office. She asked why Maritza Cruz was selected as she ran for office but never held office. Committeewoman Hall nominated her and submitted her biography to the Committee prior to selection.

Committeewoman discussed whether Ms. Weekes fits into next round of posters and agreed theme will be non-profit category. Ms. Weekes would fit into this category as she founded a non-profit. All agreed this keeps the original purpose and criteria for the first round of posters clear.

Women of Consequence Awards

Room set up- Committeewoman Gregoire provided a print out of the layout of the Levi Lincoln Chamber. Agreed welcome and check in table outside the entrance with two greeters and programs. Posters will be in the hall way on easels. Refreshment table be along the side of back of Levi Lincoln Chamber.

All awardees, honorees, guests, performers, and speakers confirmed. Honorees and their family members and Committee will sit in the front rows.

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Run of show was reviewed and approved.

Reviewed assignments:

Priscilla pick up flowers (Sparkle on Park Ave- woman owned business)

Posters and Easels: Jayna, Ariel

Refreshments (Jayna, Cory, Ariel): Coffee, water, Wicked Good cookies with women empowerment symbol (pink background with white)

Parking garage greeter for keynote: Casey

Registration and program distributors: Heather to work with student volunteers (4 confirmed from Main Idea, all WPS students)

Name tags-awardees/poet/keynote get pink flowers, separate nametags with white flower for poster honorees, (Jayna)

Print/frame smaller version of posters for honorees (Jayna)

Worcester Wares gifts for poet/keynote (Jayna)

Review of the program: Suggested adding Committees activities in the program. Pictures need to be added. Need updated Committee photo.

Additional agreements:

There will be a looping powerpoint and second static powerpoint that can be advanced during program (Amanda). Amanda will also get a formal picture of youth poet laureate. Amanda will draft the talking points for the Wonder Women of Worcester Poster presentation piece in the program and then share with rest of Committee. Deb and Priscilla are assigned to read during program. A section on explaining the posters will also be added to program. Student volunteers will deliver small poster to poster honorees during program piece. Are you interested in ACSW postcard will be shared as engagement tool and will be a front table.

B. Vote on proposal for film screening of “Anita: Speaking Truth to Power” in collaboration with Pathway for Change at the Worcester Historical Museum Wednesday March 25, 2020

Director Turchek read details as submitted in advance by Committeewoman Hall. Committee will co-host and agree to co-promote. Committeewoman Elsass motioned to support event and Committeewoman Borelli seconded, unanimously agreed.

4. Chairperson McCarter shared quote in remembrance of International Women’s Day and meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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