

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Dr. Green Room, Worcester Public Library – 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

ACSW Members: Chairperson Marianne Sarkis, Sarah Gruhin, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Kristen Lemire, Daisy Reeves and Chantel Bethea.

ACSW Members Absent: Kathleen Linton.

City: Abby McCabe, Staff Liaison, City Manager's Office.

Minutes Prepared by: Abby McCabe.

1. Welcome

There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Women of Consequence & Young Women of Consequence Awards Event:

Ms. McCabe informed the Committee that all award recipients have been notified and letters have been mailed to all the applicants that were not selected and an email notification went out to all the applicants' nominators as well. Unfortunately, Brynn Jackel is unable to attend the awards ceremony. The Committee suggested reaching out to Brynn's nominator to see if he can attend or finding someone to accept the award on her behalf. Ms. McCabe also informed the Committee that they had not yet received any donations towards the YWOC scholarship fund after the initial letter was mailed on February 2. The Committee made suggestions on who they should contact and it was decided that each member would reach out to at least 5 people or businesses to ask for donations.

Ms. Tomaszewski said she would reach out to the Burncoat Chorus to confirm their attendance for the awards ceremony. Other suggestions on how the Committee can save money were to contact Worcester Technical High School or Job Corps to see if they would be willing to donate food. BJ's and Stop and Shop were also suggested for food options that may be cheaper than the caterer we have used for past events.

Ms. Sarkis said she would contact Ann to see about displaying the student artwork like we did last year. The Committee tentatively scheduled a meeting in two weeks for March 14 for a work session to prepare for the event on March 28 and brainstorm options if the Committee does not receive donations to the YWOC scholarship fund. Ms. McCabe will research florist for the less expensive option for the three bouquets – Blossoms was suggested.

4. Other Business:

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Tomaszewski, and seconded by Ms. Gruhin, the minutes for the January 25 and February 8, 2012 meetings were approved as written by a vote of 6-0-0.

Spring Events:

The Committee shared the following events and activities with the rest of the committee:

- Ms. Lemire is participating for the Relay for Life event in June.
- Ms. Tomaszewski will be participating in the Avon Breast Cancer 40 mile walk fundraising event on May 19 & 20th.
- The Vagina Monologues is playing at WPI soon.
- The Clothesline Project will also be coming to WPI in April.

The next meeting is tentatively planned for **Wednesday, March 14**, location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby McCabe