



March 2021 Minutes  
Tuesday, March 16, 2021  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
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### **Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Kelly Clancy, Shailaja Dixit, Michelle Hernandez, Catherine Jones, Dayanna Macias-Carlos, Ariana Rickard, Joey Smith, Kirsten Upshaw

**Absent:** Hannah Brown, Lanita Mims, and Silvia Young

**Guests:** Phyllis Gordon, Janice Lipnisky, Faye Maloney, Jennifer Rizzo, Cheryl Sudduth

*1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm*

a. Meeting agenda approved.

2. Public Comment - none

3. Approval of Minutes

a. February 2021 Minutes approved

4. Presentation - none

5. Old Business

a. Update on Feminine Hygiene Product project

- Hannah, Dayanna, and Kelly dropped off three carloads of many items, including food, toiletry, go-kits, and blankets. Thank you to everyone who donated items. This was a much needed and welcome project.
- The Commission should consider getting involved with Bombas socks <https://bombas.com/> We can receive donations of socks that Commission could then donate to homeless women in the county.

6. New Business

a. Elections for 2021 - 2022 Executive Committee

- Per our bylaws, the Commission will discuss who will serve as Chair and Vice Chair at the March meeting, and vote in April.
- Kelly indicated her hesitation about serving as Chair for another year given the tension at February meeting. She requested that all Commissioners contribute equally to the work of the Commission.
- Kirsten recommended that we follow the stipulation in our bylaws that candidates for serve for one year before running for Chair or Vice Chair of the Commission so that they have some experience with the Commission before assuming leadership positions.

b. Meeting with County Supervisors

- Kelly suggested that all Commissioners meet with their County district representative to find out what do they expect from the Commission?
- For example, Candace Anderson suggested that the Commission focus on legislation and advise on needs for women in the County, as the Commission is an Advisory Board to the County Supervisors.
- Joey is in District 1, represented by John Gioia
- Kelly is in District 2, represented by Candace Andersen
- Michelle and Faye are in District 3, represented by Diane Burgis
- Catherine and Ariana are in District 4, represented by Karen Mitchoff
- Kirsten is in District 5, represented by Federal Glover

c. Discuss minutes and goals from September Commission Retreat

- Legislative Committee – Faye, Jennifer, Catherine and Ariana would like to serve on this committee.
- Commissioners discussed the need to stay on task and keep our current annual goals until the next retreat.
- Faye suggested organizing an event that would help small business owners find resources, either through the Small Business Administration or the Chambers of Commerce.
- In the past, the Commission has spearheaded studies to analyze the needs of women in the County.
  - The Commission would have to fundraise for these studies.
  - If we are going to advise the County Supervisors, we need to be knowledgeable about the needs of women in the County.
- Spring Pop-up event for womxn owned businesses and organizations
  - Could include vendors and services for vendors
  - Kelly reported that Epidemic Ale said they do not have the space to host the event. She offered to contact other venues to find another space that would be central to the County.
  - All Commissioners were asked to contact three different womxn-owned businesses to see if they would be interested in participating in the pop-up event. If you are not aware of any, the Chambers of Commerce might be a resource.
  - The event will probably take place in late April or May.

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee - Joey reported that people are contacting her for information about Commission.

8. Announcements and upcoming community events

Unladylike in 2020 – YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEe58ODVOJA>

9. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.