

MINUTES

MORRIS COUNTY WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 21, 2012

Morris View Board Room, Morris View

Members Present- Michelle Roers, Sibi Saenz-Williams, Patricia O'Dowd Donohue, Dianne Hartshorn, Pam Bennett-Santoro, Maryellen Wentz, Ginny Lyttle, Edith Frank, Carole Harper, and Elaine Muller.

Absent: Frank Pinto

Also in Attendance: 0

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chair Michelle Roers

Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law

Chairperson Michelle Roers announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and filed with the public.

Approval of Minutes

Corrections to the May Minutes- Elaine Muller would find out who Lady Gaga's mother was, not contact her. Ginny Lyttle would be a liaison to the Conference planning committee.

On motion of member Patricia Donohue, seconded by member Edith Frank, the committee approved the minutes of the May 17, 2012.

Agenda

Old Business

1. Report Re: Community Outreach/ Media
 1. Joe Garifo's TV show
2. Status of 2011 Year End Report
 1. Plan for release/delivery to Freeholders
3. Vacancies on our Committee
4. Morris County Website
5. 2012 Women's Symposium
6. Survey

New Business

Announcements

Minutes

Old Business-

1. Community Outreach/Media- Joe Garifo's public access TV program. Sibi and Michelle recorded the show on June 8, 2012. Will air 2-3 times after July. There will be a link from the Morris County Website. Discussed also using it for other publicity, perhaps during our upcoming forum/program
 - a. Other suggestions to raise visibility. Letters to the Editors- how do we do this, how do we let all the committee members know, get approval from Joe Garifo?
 - b. Dianne Hartshorn discussed connecting our Committee with LinkedIn, and other social networks, and perhaps connecting with AAUW links also. Carole Harper suggested we discuss this with the Morris County Webmaster, Carole Spenser, maybe at our September meeting?
2. 2011 Annual Report- Done and waiting to deliver to Fran Pinto, set a date with the Freeholders. Michelle Roers will take care of it. We would be amenable to delivering it personally to the Freeholders meeting, or perhaps we could have a private meeting with them to discuss it.
3. Vacancies in our Committee
Need for diversity of our members. We have received application from Tina Lu Jen from Neighborhood House has submitted her resume to Frank. Dianne Hartshorn will continue to reach out to Theresa Williams, wife of new minister of AME church in Morristown. We will all continue to reach out for new members. Another suggestion is to invite women to work with us on committees.
4. Morris County Advisory Committee's Website- Website went live in July. It was recommended we all take a look at it. Question was asked about how people would contact the members of the committee? If anyone wants to contact us, it will be filtered thru the County and passed on to committee members. This website will enable our events to be included on the Morris County online calendars.
5. Fall Program/Forum- At this meeting it was decided that we would not do a Fall Program this year. Elaine discussed the fact that we have not always done a forum each year. Discussed the cost of moving the forum to another venue. Dianne Hartshorn motioned that we move it to Spring 2013, Seconded by Elaine Muller, voted yes, with one abstention. Sibi will contact the guest speaker, Ms. Ashley Craig, and tell her that we will confirm with her in the Spring. This is in order to have more time for the committee to work on the forum details. Decided to bring it back to CCM, during their spring break, so that parking would work for attendees. To continue to use Chartwells, the CCM catering service to provide any food that we would need. Michelle Roers will ask Frank about seeking sponsors for the Symposium in March. As part of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way foundation", we might ask for support here. Lady Gaga was born in Parsippany. 2011 costs for forum was \$2070. Sibi shared with us the Symposium checklist, which will make next year's forum a bit easier.

Sibi Saenz-Williams will be the chair.

Subcommittee- MaryEllen, Edith, Elaine, Michelle, Ginny, Carole

6. Fall Survey- Although we had many good ideas, including helping women decide to run for office, helping the elderly get out and vote, distributing voter registration forms to increase the numbers of women who will vote this year, even dressing up as Suffragettes, in white with purple sashes, it was decided that we would not participate as a group and do a survey at the Fall Festival in Morristown this year.

The Survey committee will meet and discuss ways that our Women's Advisory Committee can support Morris County women and their issues. Pam will contact Stephanie Hoopes-Halpin, former member of the Women's Advisory Committee, and ask her for suggestions. Should we use survey monkey, or wufoo.com? Pat, Pam and Dianne will be on the survey committee.

New Business- League of Women Voters – Running and Winning. Edith will find out how expensive it would be to expand this program from Mountain Lakes to other high schools in Morris County.

Announcements-Letters

1. Congratulations and best wishes to Michelle Roers on her upcoming wedding in July.
2. United Way has updated their ALICE report, available now. Their new version will be for the entire state of NJ, county by county data.
3. Reminder that we are not doing a Back to School Supply Drive this summer 2012. Suggested folks connect with other local projects to support this work. We discussed yougivegoods.com as a way to support the Interfaith Food pantry, and other food/soup kitchen charities.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, at 6:30 PM, and November 15.

Dinner served at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of member Dianne Hartshorn, seconded by member Patricia Donohue, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Bennett-Santoro , Committee Secretary