

**Morris County Advisory Committee on Women
January 19,2017
Meeting Room of Morris View**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Chairperson Pam Bennett-Santoro.

Attendance:

Present:Pam Bennett Santoro, Gayle Pearson, Allison Delcalzo-Berens, Ginny Lyttle, Elaine Muller

Absent: Patti Page, Carole Harper, Sibi Saenz-Williams

Guests: Jennifer Carpinteri, Larry Ragonese, MC Communications Director

The minutes were accepted as corrected (spelling of Allison and Virginia's last names).

Old Business

Election of Officers: The slate of officers proposed at the November meeting was presented and voted upon. The unanimous vote was cast for: Chairperson, Pam Bennett Santoro, Vice Chairperson, Gayle Pearson, Secretary, Elaine Muller.

New Business

Goals and Communication

Larry Ragonese led a discussion on the goals of the group and how to connect with county resources and develop relationships with other like-minded groups.

After identifying goals for the year a suggestion was made that we sponsor a "stakeholders meeting". This would help to identify the identified issue more clearly and develop inclusive plans of action.

Reporting to the Freeholders was stressed as an important function of the group and various committee members volunteered to attend specific Freeholder meetings.

Human Trafficking

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and the Freeholders will present a proclamation of their support on Wednesday, January 25th at their regular Freeholders meeting. Ginny will accept the proclamation, Pam and other members of the committee will attend the meeting.

In Memory-Leanna Brown

An appropriate memorial was discussed to honor Leanna Brown. Senator Brown was a significant figure in New Jersey politics. Her interest and support of women's issues led to the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Women.

A horticultural monument was suggested as well as an award to an outstanding woman. To be given on an annual basis.