



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MINUTES

January 28, 2024, 1:00 PM

The meeting commenced at 1:30PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions/Icebreaker – led by Rose Martin
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the November Monthly Meeting Minutes
4. Reasonable Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Planning:

1. 2024 Meeting Dates – attachment
 - a. Discuss meeting locations – many members want to do more outside meetings but need to balance with accessibility (for example it was very difficult for everyone to get to Cutler Bay last year and we didn't have a quorum with Commissioner Cohen-Higgins there)
 - b. Joint meeting with Commission for Women Doral – April 24th Meeting Date
 - c. Joint meeting with Commission for Women North Miami – date?
 - d. Coral Gables new library
 - e. Lodovici Park in Palmetto Bay (next to Thalatta) invitation by Vice Mayor of Palmetto Bay
2. Commission for Women Trust Fund & Friends of the CFW Account Update – Lourdes Reyes Abadin
 - a. Friends Account - \$12,788.22
 - b. Trust Fund Account – pending final amount.
3. Committee Assignments – everyone should be on at least one committee
 - o Events and Fundraising
 - o Violence Against Women and Girls & Legislative and CEDAW Committee
 - o Commission Goals and Bylaws – a few members wanted to lead the effort to revamp the bylaws
 - o Communications – need to finalize the Bathroom Signs and scholarships
4. Women's History Month
 - a. Election reserved the lobby from March 4th to March 18th
 - b. Street co-designation with Commissioner Higgins – names provided
 - i. Shared the 2022 memo that the Commission for Women submitted to the BCC with the original 9 women inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame. The Commission thinks this is a good place to start in terms of possible women to re-name a street after. Of the women on the list, Mary Brickell and Julia Tuttle already have streets named after them. Arva Moore Parks McCabe may be more appropriate for a street-naming in the Grove area. This leaves the following women as suggestions – of course they would all be amazing: Mary Athalie Range, Roxcy Bolton, Annie Coleman, Polita Grau, and Carrie Meek.
 - c. Event at Zoo Miami



- d. Joint event with the Women's History Coalition
- e. Nina working with Communications on a free video highlighting the contributions that the Women's Hall of Fame inductees have had on Miami
 - i. Rose reached out to YWPA and they may be able to provide some videos as well that we can use...but its not the competition we had in mind
5. Miami-Dade County Women's Hall of Fame
 - a. This is a priority for Nina following this meeting - the induction ceremony for the (3) most recently inducted members (Ros-Lehtinen, Fernandez Rundle and Congresswoman Wilson) is currently set for February 21st, but Congresswoman Wilson's office requested to change the date to April 2nd
 - b. Working with Internal Services to locate space for physical Women's Hall of Fame
 - c. The BCC is set to change the application process and then we can open the nomination period thereafter.
6. Young Women's Preparatory Academy Scholarship
 - a. Send to Committee to review application and then open up applications in March
 - b. Katherine Leiva wanted to inquire about the The Educational Excellence School Advisory Council and if there was any opportunities for CFW to collaborate?
7. The Status of Women Annual Report
 - a. Pending – with Nina
 - b. Once finalized, we will present to the BCC and meet with the Commissioners to share our policy recommendations
8. Upcoming Events
 - a. Dade Days
 - b. In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony – March 6th at the Rusty Pelican
 - i. Reminder that we need to be supporting through sponsorships
 - ii. \$175 per ticket, \$1,750 per table
 - iii. The Board agreed to buy a table. Those interested in attending would let Nina know.
9. Connections Directory?
10. Other Ideas for the year? (ideas shared by Rose and Lynette)

Announcements

- A motion was made by Mercedes Carlson to reimburse Michelle Abreu in the amount of \$190.94 for purchasing food for the retreat (see receipt attached). The motion was seconded by and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.