

Indiana Commission for Women
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Indiana State Library

Present: Commissioner Christine Altman, Senator Vaneta Becker, Senator Jean Breaux, Virginia Calvin, Betsy Corridan, Cindy Felsten, Erin Houchin, Kori McOmber, Rep. Gail Riecken, Erin Smith, Patzetta Trice

Staff: Kristin Garvey, Executive Director

Guest: Danny Lopez, Indiana Civil Rights Commission

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Betsy Corridan, Chair of the Indiana Commission for Women.

Approval of January Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kristin Svyantek Garvey indicated that the financial report had been submitted to the board for their review prior to the meeting. As of March 31, 2013, the commission had \$29,015.21 remaining from its allocation. Treasurer, Anne Jacob, had been working with Garvey to summarize the information into a more user-friendly format, which was also submitted. On this report, Garvey projected expenses to the end of the year. Garvey also provided a list of sponsorship requests the commission received and asked the board to consider any of them. Discussion on began various opportunities.

Virginia Calvin moved to approve to sponsor \$500 to Girls Inc. and \$1000 to the Governor's Reception at the Indiana Black Expo. Erin Houchin seconded. Sen. Becker moved to amend the motion to reduce the amount to IBE to \$500. The amendment to motion carried. The amended motion carried.

Additional discussion continued regarding additional sponsorships. Patzetta Trice moved to sponsor *Integrating Women Leaders* Conference at \$1000 and Latino Coalition Against Domestic Violence at \$500. Christine Altman seconded. The motion carried.

Torchbearers Award Report: Patzetta Trice, 2nd Vice Chair, indicated that there was a report submitted prior to the board meeting. She recommended that the commission develop a way to survey the audience in the future. Virginia Calvin indicated that those who served on the council of judges did a final job. Rep. Gail Riecken mentioned that the representative for the person from Evansville who could not come was impressed and they will be reenacting the Ceremony for her in Evansville on May 22, 2013. There was some discussion on the date for the 2014 Torchbearer Awards. If using the same day as the commission has been using over the past few years, the date would be March 5, 2014. Kristin Garvey was asked to secure that day for next year/

Women's Day at the Statehouse: Cindy Felsten reported on the Women's Day. From those who attended, they enjoyed the day but wished that more legislators would have been there. Areas of improvement would be to have more publicity for the event and choice of refreshments. Participants enjoyed the event and appreciated focusing on the five priority areas. A question was asked about whether to have the event again. It was generally agreed that the commission should have another event. Another question was whether the commission should start earlier with proposing legislation. Discussion began about what state agencies can and cannot do with regards to lobbying, which led to what issues should be pursued. There was a recommendation to go forward with another Women's Day on February 5, 2014. Cindy Felsten was asked to create summaries of these issues in order to take to the other agencies to see if anything would develop. Another question was to invite the Lt. Governor to come to a board meeting to discuss some of these issues.

Legislative Affairs Report: Cindy Felsten reported that she had spoken about the leadership training. She mentioned that the planning committee was discussing whether they could use the Ivy Tech distance learning system to conduct the training for all locations simultaneously. She also mentioned that there was a report on the legislative bills that were being followed

Executive Director's Report: Kristin Garvey reported that she had DVDs for everyone. It was a film entitled *Not My Life*, which is a documentary on human trafficking. She indicated that the national organization provided all of the materials to local organizations so that the programs were uniform. This documentation may be a good example of how to package materials for some of the commission's initiatives. She also reported she had worked on a *Women in the Workforce* infographic that was requested by *Mentoring Women Network*, a local organization. She pointed out the *Writing Her Story* article on Pippa Mann as well as a one-page report on Women in Racing. There was also some discussion on how to publicize the commission's efforts.

Announcements: There was a consensus that the June meeting be cancelled.

Adjournment: As there was no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Garvey