**Marin Women’s Commission –– Business Meeting Minutes Draft**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order/Established Quorum at 7:02pm**

LB, SM, SC, LA, AS, AM, BA, SR, LD Present.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2023** BA/SC-AM m/s/p

Correction by LA –

The last meeting was on January 31, not January 24. Minutes just approved should be January 31, 2023.

1. **Approval of Agenda for February 28, 2023** SM/AS m/s/p
2. **Speaker: Deborah Ramell, Ceres Community Project**

California is a high poverty state. Managed to lower poverty rates during the pandemic from 16% to 12%

Children got the biggest jump. Last September the White House held a conference on health and nutrition. Received WIC, school lunches & snap out of that program. This is a key goal of this administration. Youth development program provides a garden & kitchen.

LA: Focus on youth development and education – love that. MWC and your mission are aligned in that way. Food insecurity is high in Marin.

Deborah Ramell: Funding comes from donations and grants. A new program is happening with medically tailored meals. We are looking to expand exponentially in the next 10 years. Funding comes primarily through government grants.

1. **Open Time for Members of the Public to Speak on Items not on the Agenda**

Have hired Admin Support. Alisa Perticone starts 3/6/2023. County has announced that as of 3/01, meetings will be in person.

1. **Introduction of New Commissioner – Aliyya Shelley Mattos**

Background – apologies for not making last meeting (ill). Career started with Marin Abused Women’s Services, now Center for Domestic Peace. Ran a program at UC Berkeley. Peace Corps volunteer. Women is the theme of career choices.

1. **Icebreaker – Show off your pet – Laura**

Alexandra Dennino- rescue dog (public)

1. **Grant committee Update - Sherene /Leslie (spend by Nov 2023)** 
   1. MTG $10k
   2. Marketing $5k
   3. Listening Tour $4k
   4. Development $5k
   5. Women Who Run Panel $1k

Leslie – 25K grant – last march

Capacity building grant

Out of planning phase & in execution mode

Activity 1 & 2 – MTGC

Promo video

Videography of all speakers & firesides

Event photography

AV event planning

Event consultant/extra supplies TBD

Activity 3

Commissioner leadership training

Retreat facilitator

Conference &/or training (TBD)

Activity 4&5

Raising awareness

Women who run panel

Listening Tour #1 TBD

Marketing materials/promotion TBD

Sherene – Motion that we approve the buckets of funding outlined with funds being flexible between buckets as outlined with the grant

Sherene/LA (1st & 2nd)

Unanimous approval

Would like to vote again on this entire budget because some things have shifted since we voted on it last August.

1. **Listening Tour Committee Update – Sherene / Amy / Liz**

LA – will compile the information gained here regarding leadership training

LB – did look at conferences – do not have funding or timing to go – conferences are happening in March – too soon for us. This is why we are bringing someone else IN instead. Training/exposure to other women’s commissions & their successes.

AS – still have not heard back from Felecia Gaston

SC - Canal Alliance

West Marin is third person - got a name & left a voice mail.

SR – West Marin – will check in next month

1. **Marin Teen Girl Committee Update – Magali / Samantha**  8:10pm

Repeatability plan to sustain MTG support and execution.

Samantha Ramirez – targeted outreach

Barely have 40 people and it is a month away

(Recommend sharing at W. Marin collaborative meetings)

Leslie – reached out to schools and contacts who will share this information

Susannah – schools in SR

Aliyya – recommends creating google doc so there is no duplication in reaching out to schools

Samantha – will reach out to Crystal to see if there is something created around this

Flyer attached for MTGC conference. Women who run flyer will be coming on March 1

Need to think about marketing and spreading the word in advance for next year.

Who is interested & available to help w/MTGC

Leslie

Aliyya

Laura

Sherene

Amy

Liz

Barbara

1. **CEDAW & Consent decree committee update – Amy**  8:20pm

AS:

Consent decree – no update – waiting to hear when judge rules

CEDAW – spoke to Leslie Arnold – aide to Judy Arnold – CEDAW resolution that Marin County passed in 1997. Super bare bones. Leslie, exec committee and I discussed amendment to `1997.

Will go back to Crystal to find out how we amend a 30-year resolution. If, in the future, we would like to write a resolution, we should go to the Marin County clerk to ask them to check to see if something similar has already been passed/adopted.

1. “**Women Who Run” Panel at Dominican update – Magali / Samantha / Leslie** 8:25pm

Tickets $15 – mechanism to encourage sign ups

Food available

Increased kind of food – heavy appetizers because of time frame

5:30 – 7pm

April 12th

Plan to come as attendees and invite your networks

League of Women voters

50 is target

1. **Nominating Committee** 8:30pm

Losing Sherene, Amy & Barbara in June. Chair role will be open if you want to think about it

Full information in April.

Specific districts

District 3

District 4

March 23rd – Peacock Gap Hall of Fame

YWCA – sponsor (voted) for 3k

Amy(yes) Susannah(maybe), Barbara, aliyyah (maybe)

Liz (yes)

Laura (yes)

Sherene (yes)

Magali will be there & with the girls

Name Badges?

Leslie – mentioned that Chris Shaw used to do this

Amy believes there was an engraving place in Novato where Chris Shaw got badges

Laura, Amy, Barbara, Sherene – all have name tags – everyone else will need

Susannah – shared that new person will eventually be able to do training on the Brown act

Ab549 (Amy)

Leslie – offering to take a lead

**Motion – AS – write & submit letter of support for AB549 – the bill would require that CA state agencies conduct an evaluation w/in their department to ensure that state agencies would not discriminate against women through the allocation of funding and the delivery of services**

**Second – BA**

**- unanimous**

1. **Open Time for Commissioners and Q&A**

Celebration for the commissioners who are leaving? – Barbara checking budget w/Sally

Laura Anderson – nudge to send training ideas – gave email –

Susannah – training on branding, community, engagement, advocacy, also pro-DEI

Adjournment 8:51 p.m.