**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 28, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Vivian Slade, Milicia Tedder, Kirstyn Allen, Ruebe Holmes, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Jenny Gomez, Brianna Van Stekelenburg, Tamika McRae, Patrice High, Courtney Kelly, Tiffani Reeves, Aquaris Anderson, Lucia Ferejohn

Commissioners Excused: Cheryl Ann Welsh

Commissioners Absent: K.D. Ann Welsh, Milicia Tedder??

**Welcome- Vivian Slade, Chair**

Vivian opened the meeting and announced the new tee shirts for DCWC have been ordered, and she shared the images from the printer. Funds were cleared with the County and came out of the annual $500 budget. Shirts will likely arrive in a few weeks.

**Chair Report- Vivian Slade**

Vivian shared the conference for National Association of Women’s Commissions is next month (July 18-22) in Leasburg, VA and virtually. The conference is titled “Hear Our Voices”. If any members are interested in attending let Vivian know, it is possible funding could be providing through our UNC partnership.

Durham County Response Center (DCRC) has reached out to Vivian to ask for potential assistance with surveying the County about knowledge of DCRC services. DCRC Outreach Coordinator may join us during a future meeting to talk further.

Vivian has been asked to serve as a panelist with the Women NC Round Table. This may be an opportunity for DCWC to continue our commitment to CEDAW (Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women) and put some action behind resolutions.

**Vice Chair Report- Jenny**

Jenny will continue connecting with Ray Trapp with RTP Foundation, and he may attend a future meeting. Jenny is still working with Shawna on finalizing the new DCWC website name, hopefully this is the last step to launch. Jenny also gave a special shout out to new Treasurer Brianna for her quick turn around and work on getting funds approved and tees ordered!

**Treasurer’s Report- Brianna**

DCWC spent most of our $500 county monies on new tees- we have $105.70 left and will be printing business cards for Vivian.

**Committee Updates**

* Black Maternal Health (Tamika and Lucia) update: no update.
* Social Justice Committee (Aquaris and Cynthia) update: Aquaris has not had much movement with IBM in the past month, as the company has been kept busy with other focuses at this time and hopes to have an update in July.
* Steering Committee (Cheryl Ann, Patrice, Laura, Kirstyn, Lucia, Courtney, & Tiffani): no update
* Communications Committee (Ruebe and Milicia) update: Ruebe shared we have seen an increase in Instagram and Twitter followers, including large women’s orgs like NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement. Please email Ruebe or send a message to the DCWC Instagram for post ideas/shares. Ruebe will send out a meeting request for possibly revamping the Committee and having new members support social media work.

**Approve May meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes approved by Tamika; second by Cynthia.

**New Business**

New Fiscal Year Elections for officers: Vivian reviewed the process and by-laws, and thanked Nominating Committee Members Courtney and Cynthia for their work on nominations. Special thanks to Courtney for upgrading DCWC with an online form!

Cynthia presented the slate of nominees (sent to Vivian prior to meeting): Chair- Vivian Slade; Vice Chair- Lucia Ferejohn; Secretary- Laura Meyers; Treasurer- Kirstyn Allen.

Vivian opened the floor to other nominees, there were no new nominees for any officer position. Vivian then moved to elect by acclimation, and officers elected as follows:

 Chair: Vivian Slade

 Vice Chair: Lucia Ferejohn

 Secretary: Laura Meyers

 Treasurer: Kirstyn Allen

Terms are effective July 1 2021.

**Announcements:**

* Patrice shared that Equity Before Birth, MAAME, and SisterSong are hosting a drive-thru Community Baby Shower on July 31 at ReCity. Patrice shared links in the chat and will reach out with ideas/plans for any donation drive DCWC members who would like to participate.
* TAMIKA’S BIRTHDAY IS JULY 4!! \*\*\*\*Happy Birthday!\*\*\*\*

Vivian closed the meeting.