

BROOKLINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016, 7:15 PM
Brookline Department of Public Health, 2nd Floor Library
11 Pierce Street, Brookline, MA 02445

1. In attendance
Commissioners:
 - Chris Chanyasulkit, Co-Chair
 - Casey Hatchett, Co-Chair
 - Cheryl Snyder, Treasurer
 - Christine Fitzgerald
 - Ginny Vaz
 - Jennifer Goldsmith
 - Jamie ToberGuest/Member of Public:
 - Kate Roach
2. Public Comment Period (7:15pm – 7:30pm) – No Public comment was presented.
3. Approval of Minutes from the last (January 2016) meeting – Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Election of BCW Secretary – Christine Fitzgerald was elected by unanimous vote.
5. Re-appointments/Appointments (Chris) – Kate Roach expressed interest in potentially seeking appointment to the BCW. Casey and Chris described the process and commitment. Casey reported that another prospective commissioner has applied to the Board of Selectman recently; further update to come.
6. Discussion/Planning of 2016 BCW programs
 - a. Debrief of Children’s Clothing Drive - Jan. 29-30, 2016 (Cheryl) – The clothing drive was a great success. In addition to our designated charities we were able to directly assist 10 local families with their child clothing needs. Jennifer G. suggested possibility of adding a children’s book drive in coordination with next year’s clothing drive and described her involvement in a prior successful event. The response was favorable and commissioners agreed to consider subject to further development of the concept.
 - b. Women Who Inspire Us Essay Contest and 2016 Brookline Woman of the Year (Casey) – Casey has booked Hunneman Hall for March 23rd (6:30 pm event start) and is in the process of completing and distributing flyers and nomination forms to the schools through the community online resources. Casey explained the nomination and essay review processes. Perfect Pitch has also agreed to sing again at the program. Casey also has requested that BIG cover the event. Commissioners signed up to do essay pick-ups at the schools and to coordinate obtaining food, flowers, trophies, gift cards, and related event preparations. We will begin reviewing the essays in executive session on 3/2/16.
 - c. Women’s Wisdom Project (Jennifer) – Jennifer noted that her work is continuing. She is meeting with Marcia Lynch this week to discuss and

consider how to launch the project and whether Marcia may wish to become involved. She will report further at a future meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Summer interns: Chris reported that the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations has selected Madeline Tallarico as a high school intern to assist this summer. Madeline may assist with some BCW projects.
- b. Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Event (Casey) – This event raises awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence against women. The event is scheduled for April 3, 2016. The Commission is co-sponsoring the event with the Jennifer A. Lynch Committee has been scheduled for April 3, 2016. Casey will provide further details and information on the route at a future meeting.

8. Adjourn

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 6pm.

*Please note that we typically meet on the first Wednesday of every month (unless notified in advance of a schedule change) at the Brookline Health Department Library (2nd floor) at 7:15pm.

