MINUTES OF MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING
Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
West Conference Room in City Hall

Call to Order:  Dalia called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Present were Commissioners Jo Ann Engquist, Dalia Zygas, Kristina Isabelle, Kay Hill, Sharlene Livesay, Nicole Florek, and City Council Liaison Sean Fitzpatrick.

Arrived late: Faye Moore and Albertine Allen

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting: Minutes of the February 2018 meeting were reviewed with motion to approve by Livesay, second by Engquist. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Moore arrived late

Old Business:

Discussion of Guidelines for Funding requests: Commissioner Livesay is checking to find out when checks are dispersed. Invoice system in place. We will continue conversation next meeting with new guidelines and application form- Commissioner Dalia will submit for April meeting.

Discussion of receipts and invoices and when items are due and sent out. Agree to look at process and streamline.

Per commission Livesay: Invoice includes name, amount, address to mail check along with copy of minutes that we approve. 1st and 3rd Mondays checks go out and needs to be submitted by Thursday before 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Motion to Approve by Florek and second by Enquist.

Update YMCA Health Fair: The event was well attended and successful. Great information and guest speakers.

Mental Health: Discussion of MCWC focus on mental health and deciding to check in with Swansen and to find out how we can support their programs. Contact Ed Seal.

Grant Request:

Barker Middle School 8th grader has the opportunity to compete in the National Championship in Math in San Jose, California on April 6th. The request is for $1098.49 to cover travel expenses. Motion to approve by Albertine and seconded by Faye. Grant approved.

New Business:
Womens Access to health care: Discussion of OB-Para-natal mental health and screening depression. Faye shares the 2nd annual Health Fair in LA Porte. Colon Awareness Month March. How do we get the word out? Discussion of paper, internet, door to door, churches.

Celebrating Women Fundraiser: Created a sub committee to help develop this event and commissioners advised of rules of holding a sub committee meetings. Committee: Shar, Kay, Nicole, and Kristina.

Womens Equality luncheon date is August 26th at Lubeznik. Joann is leading this program.

Commissioners’ Comments: Albertine mentioned Mayors brunch on April 7th.

Kaye mentioned Doula services here and creating a training to help support the program.

Kristina mentioned the Tryon Farm Garden Talk Series events the summer.

Conversations about violent crime down in Michigan City but property theft is high.

Council Liaison’s Comments: Sean looked into compensation for Women’s Commission and it would need to be added by Mayor for in next budget. Broadcast MCWC meetings was a no from Kay and Albertine.

Adjournment: Motion to dismiss at 6:36 pm by Shar, second by Dalia. Our next meeting will be held on April 17, 2019.

Submitted by:

Kristina Isabelle, Secretary, Michigan City Commission for Women