Marin Women's Commission — Business Meeting Minutes Draft

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – 5:00pm to 6:15pm

Dominican University of California, Guzman Hall, Classroom 202 50 Acacia Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

- I. Call to Order/Establish Quorum 5:10pm Present: Leslie Belingheri (LB), Samantha Ramirez (SR), Susannah Mrazek(SM), Katie Koyfman (KK), Erika Rosales-Shelfo (ER, Elizabeth Max (EM), Maureen Broderick (MB); Sally Stocks (SS), Ajouah Grass (AG); Aliyya Mattos (AM) - arrived 5:26pm
- Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2024 П.
- III. Approval of Agenda for March 26, 2024
- IV. Open Time for Members of the Public to Speak on Items not on the Agenda No members of the public present.
- V. MTGC & Teen Ambassadors Program Recap
 - SR: Samantha had one more meeting with the Ambassadors to get feedback from the event. There were more pros than cons. The Ambassadors loved the movement workshops and the Ultrasound career workshop. The workshops that were interactive were most popular. The ambassadors were very proud of themselves. Samantha was proud of the Ambassadors and their professionalism, kindness, and willingness to step in front of a large group of people. Samantha encouraged the Junior Ambassadors to come back and apply next year. Cons included disengagement with the panel in the morning and speaker in the afternoon. It may be better to pass the mic around in the afternoon and hear from the girls. In the morning, they prefer hearing from teens. The girls did not like the Human Trafficking workshop and thought the Nutrition workshop should have been more interactive. Samantha discussed the food waste at the conference. To-go boxes should have been provided, AM: AM thanked all who worked. Aliyya has received positive feedback about the conference.
- VI. MTGC Sponsorship and Marin Link Update

MB: We received a significant amount of donations but would have received more donations had started earlier. We received a large donation from the Marin Community Foundation days before the conference, KK: Katie heard from the Marin Community Foundation representative at the conference that she loved the conference.

- SM: Susannah discussed positive feedback.
- MB: Discussed doing outreach to Marin City girls.

SR: We should work on building a partnership and trust with Marin City girls.

VII. Communications and Legislative Committee Updates

SM: The Communications Committee sent out a survey email to MTGC participants and received approximately 40 answers that included some great feedback, including about ten offers to help with MTGC. We are planning to write an OpEd for the Marin IJ for the 50th Anniversary and will need to come up with an idea

for the content moving forward. SS: There should be a collaboration with other Marin organizations discussed at the upcoming retreat. LB: The retreat will include brunch and we will discuss the conference and make plans for the next part of the

year.

VIII. Rising Vanguard Award Update

KK: There will be a meeting with the YWCA being scheduled soon and Katie will have updates following the meeting.



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SM/KK/p SS/ER/p

IX. Nominating Committee: Vote Motion to appoint Ajouah Grass and Erika Rosales-Shelfo to the Nominating Committee *EM/SM/p*

LB: Contact AG and ER with any nominations. They will put together a slate. MWC will vote to elect officers at the May meeting.

- Annual Aides Lunch?
 LB: In the past, MWC hosted a get to know you and thank you annual BOS aides' lunch in the past.
 Discussion whether to host a lunch or coffee and donut get together and getting to know the aides.
- XI. Spring Retreat April 27th 9AM-1PM
 LB: Reminder that the Spring Retreat is Saturday, April 27. Alisa and Leslie will be sending out a link regarding the food for brunch.
- XII. Possible Fall Event Collaboration with Buck Institute LB: Leslie met with the Buck Institute to discuss a possible collaboration/lecture in the fall. The Buck Institute would like to be involved with the Conference helping women of color who are interested in STEM. We can discuss bringing teen girls to the Buck Institute in Novato. SR: Suggests a STEM Scholarship for teen girls.
- XIII. Increasing MTGC Budget/ Budget Review and Approvals LB: Leslie met with Supervisor Lucan to start a conversation about increasing the MTGC budget.
- XIV. Thank you, Sally!! Commissioners thanked Commissioner Sally Stocks at her last meeting as a Commissioner.
- XV. Open time for Commissioners + Q & A Discussion re: new commissioners.

Adjournment

6:07pm

KEY DATES: Regular Meetings: Tues, April 23, 6-8pm; Tues, May 28; Tues, June 25 Sat, April 27: Spring Retreat, 9AM-1PM, Dominican University

