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CITY OF WORCESTER
City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2011
Esther Howland Room – 6pm

Attendees:

ASCW Members: Sarah Gruhin, Kristen Lemire, Kathleen Linton, Ann Sheehy, Elizabeth Tomaszewski

ASCW Members Not Present: Jenith Charpentier, Marianne Sarkis, Jeanine Paul, Daisy Reeves

City: Heather Gould, Staff Liaison

Other Attendees: Chantel Bethea

Minutes Prepared by: Heather Gould

1. Welcome

The meeting was brought to order at 6:17 pm. Around the room introductions were made.

2. Young Woman of Consequence (YWOC) Recap

The event was a successful event with a great turnout. Thank you notes were sent to the donators and speakers. The scholarship check was issued to Paige Allen, YWOC. The event is airing on the local government access channel (ch. 12). A thank you letter was received from Paige Allen and shared with the ACSW. Discussion for next year's event – explain context of the event better and how it ties into the month of March as Women's History Month. ASCW was notified that the School Committee was planning to honor the YWOC winner and Honorable Mention at its meeting on April 7 at 7pm. All present stated they would try to attend.

3. International Women's Day / Women's History Month Update

The Worcester Public Schools coordinated with the Worcester Public Library to display an exhibit of student artwork related to Women's History Month. The exhibit is on display through the end of March. Some of these pieces were displayed at the YWOC award. Positive feedback was given by ACSW members.

4. Equal Pay Day – April 12

Heather explained that she asked her intern, Lauren Armstrong to do internet research to see if there were any area events related to Equal Pay Day. Lauren was unable to find any. Sarah G. suggested that the ACSW look into the NOW Worcester chapter to see if they were aware of any planned events.



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5. ACSW Brochure

The Committee's general brochure was updated and handed out to those in attendance for review and comment. Formatting changes/typos were discussed. Generally feedback was positive. The brochure will be revised and given to members at the next meeting.

6. New Business

a. Women's Needs Assessment Survey Fact Sheet

Next steps previously discussed included holding a press conference and planning public forums based on relevant needs. Heather said she would have Lauren look into preparing a list of recommendations to the ACSW for review and discussion of what the relevant needs are based on survey results.

b. Meeting Schedule

April 27, May 25, June 22

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.