

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, January 25, 2012
Dr. Green Room, Worcester Public Library – 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

ACSW Members: Chairperson Marianne Sarkis, Sarah Gruhin, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Kristen Lemire, Kathleen Linton, Daisy Reeves and Chantel Bethea.

ACSW Members Absent: None.

City: Abby McCabe – City Manager’s Office

Minutes Prepared by: Abby McCabe

1. Welcome

There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Bethea, seconded by Ms. Tomaszewski, the minutes from December 21st were approved as amended by a vote of 7-0-0.

3. Women of Consequence & Young Women of Consequence Awards Event

The applications for the Young Woman of Consequence (YWOC) and the Woman of Consequence (WOC) Awards were distributed. The Committee received 32 applications for the YWOC and 6 nominations for WOC. The Committee received many more applications this year than in past years. The outreach efforts of all the Committee members played a major role in this year’s application process. A total of 12 schools were represented by the YWOC applications which included all but one of the public schools and 5 private schools. Ms. Sarkis and Ms. Gruhin volunteered to create an excel spreadsheet for the next meeting to assist with the scoring when they vote on the applications. The Committee members will vote on the applications at the next meeting on February 8th. Ms. McCabe will also mail the scholarship donation letters this week to help raise money for the YWOC winner’s scholarship. The Committee agreed to reach out to the local colleges to ask for money for the YWOC winner. Ms. McCabe will also contact the past WOC and YWOC winners to see if they would introduce this year’s winners. Ms. Tomaszewski agreed to contact the chorus from Doherty High School to see if they would be interested in performing at this year’s event.

4. 2012 Goals:

Ms. Tomaszewski suggested a walk against violence planned for April. The Committee members were interested in participating in the walk. More information will be provided at the next regular meeting.

5. Other Business:

The Committee still has two vacancies. Two members have recently moved to different districts so we now have vacancies in Districts 1 and 3.

Ms. McCabe reminded everyone that they must complete the conflict of interest online training and sign form acknowledging that they have read the ethics guide.

On a motion made by Ms. Tomaszewski and seconded by Ms. Gruhin, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is planned for **Wednesday February 8th** in the Dr. Green Room at the Library to vote on this year's WOC & YWOC winners.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby McCabe