

MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 25, 2022
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Hopkinton Public Library
13 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA

All Meetings are Open to the Public

Opening of the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes for: 2/2022 (no March meeting minutes because that was our retreat)

Chair Update (Heather and Stephanie)

- Updates from the State Commission
- Advocacy Day – May 16th
- Prison Moratorium event update – follow up ideas
- Legislators ice cream social on June 5th – hosted by the Athena Council – update from Deirdre and Rachel

General Business Discussion

- Follow up to progress on events from each group at the retreat
 - Athena Council to work on young girls mental health issues
 - Elder care issues – topics for an event – who will be the point person
 - Outreach to immigrant community – Heather to meet with Nasiba to discuss
 - Domestic violence – update on chairs meeting with legislators and Stephanie’s meeting with Lincoln/Sudbury/Wayland domestic violence roundtable
 - Book club – all at the retreat agree this is a good way for us to do some community outreach. Heather and Leslie to share with us the plan and the book(s) to read
 - Plans for event around the 50th anniversary of Title IX – Lisa to look into this
- Set a date and location for official good-bye to Nancy and Ceylan
- May is Jewish American history month, national mental health awareness month, and older American month. Any ideas of how we can recognize these causes on our social media platforms?
- Thoughts on how the Athena Council work on our Instagram page is working out

Communications (Nasiba)

- Nasiba has agreed to take lead on our communications efforts – she will updates us on what is working well, what needs some attention, and what can we all do to help make outreach more effective.
- We need to all add to our list spreadsheet of contacts
- Update contact information for all of us and where to find that – cell phone, email

Legislative (Lindsey and Julie)

- Update on the status of where the bills we are supporting are in the process on Beacon Hill
- Anything we should be doing at this point on any of this legislation.

Athena Council (Rachel and Deirdre)

- A. Updates since our February meeting
- B. Process for filling council openings – do you need anything from us?

New Business

- Setting dates through June and assigning location scouts
- Setting potential dates for each of the groups scheduling some type of event

Old and New Business: A Conversation

- An open discussion about the year ahead.
 - How can we be more engaged with one another and with our constituents?
 - Benchmarks to hit – how do we measure our success

Adjourn

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co-Chair), Leslie Smart (Vice-Chair), Lisa MacDonald (Secretary), Lindsey Galvo (Legislative Co-Chair), Julie Watt Faqir (Legislative Co-Chair), Nasiba Mannan (Communications Chair), Jean Bertschmann, Rachel Niemiec, and Deirdre Belger (intern)