

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
MEETING SUMMARY  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
Banx Room, Worcester Public Library – 6:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

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

ACSW Members Absent: Jeanine Paul, Chantel Bethea and Kathleen Linton.

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 6:36 PM.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Ms. Lemire, seconded by Ms. Gruhin, the minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> were approved as written by a vote of 4-0-1 (Ms. Tomaszewski abstained).

**3. Women of Consequence Awards Event**

The Committee reviewed and finalized the nomination application for the Young Women of Consequence as well as the Woman of Consequence nomination form. The timeline for the event was also discussed. Ms. McCabe will post the award announcement and application to the website; send out the initial email and mailing to all the schools announcing the nomination for 2012 in the next few days. The Committee members will follow up with phone calls and visit to the schools over the next month (ideally before the end of the year). Each committee member was assigned a school to contact as follows:

Burncoat High School, Yeshiva Achei Tmimim Academy, Bancroft School, Notre Dame and St. Peter-Marian Catholic – Sarah G

Claremont Academy, Doherty Memorial, North High, South High, and University Park Campus, St. Mary’s Junior/Senior High School – Liz T

Worcester Technical High School, Kathleen Burns Preparatory – Kristen L

Worcester Kingdom Academy, First assembly Christina Academy - Daisy R

G Stanley Hall School – Marianne S

Holy Name Central Catholic School – Jeannie P

Mercy Centre School – Kathy L

Worcester Academy – Chantel B

At the next meeting in December the Committee members will give a progress update on the outreach efforts with the schools. The application deadline was set for January 20<sup>th</sup> and at the regularly scheduled meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> the Committee will be provided the candidate application forms for review at a work session planned for February 8<sup>th</sup>. The February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a work session to allow the Committee members to vote on and select the Young Woman and Woman of Consequence Award recipients. Several individuals were also discussed as possible candidates for nominations for the Women of Consequence Awards. Ms. McCabe will investigate into whether Committee members can submit nominations and what the process should be. Ms. Gruhin summarized the Worcester Business Journal's event she attended recently. Ms. Gruhin will continue to follow up with the Worcester Business Journal to learn what other candidates were nominated and who was targeted for outreach.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> in the Dr. Green Room at the Library and will review the Committee's goals and action plan for the upcoming year.

**4. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Abby McCabe