**MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**5:00-6:30PM**

**Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

[**Zoom meeting link**](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83242686560?pwd=MkhxWjdCbyt6VThWZm03blNuNUhKZz09#success)

*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)

1. Updates since our February meeting
2. 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)