

## Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

December 14, 2016  
Commission Meeting

### Upcoming Events

January 11, 6pm **dinner**, 6:30pm **CCSW Meeting**  
Women's Commission Office, 51 Inman Street second floor

March 2, Women&Words  
7pm 344 Broadway, Cambridge

March 21, *Women in Cambridge: Get to Know Central Square Theater's* all female leadership team!  
Event with Deb Wise, Lee Mikeska Gardner, Catherine Carr-Kelly  
6pm Central Square Theater

### Minutes

In attendance: Therecia, Phyllis, Marjorie, Nadia, Pauline, Jane, Susan, Pamela

#### 1.) Boston Women's March for America

Marjorie Saunders is working to include the Cambridge Women's Commission as a sponsoring organization of this non-partisan march for equality and justice. After attending a planning meeting in Jamaica Plain earlier this month, Marjorie reported back that they are currently working on coming up with an official mission statement of the march and are working on getting speakers and providing a schedule for the day.

The Somerville Women's Commission was also at the meeting and expressed interest in partnering with us for an event or some kind of get-to-know-you program with our members.

#### 2.) Know Your Rights forum

Our December Know Your Rights forum, in collaboration with CLSACC, the DGBVPI, Cambridge Police and Transition House, was a success. Deputy Superintendent Christina Elow, MIRA, and CLSACC all presented. There were translators there two language in addition to English. Approximately 45-50 people were in attendance.

#### 3.) City of Cambridge Commission Swearing In

The current procedure, swearing in new and returning commissioners in Cambridge, includes the line "So help me God." Susan Yanow moved that this line is exclusionary and unnecessary. She asked if the Women's Commission could work to remove this language.

#### 4.) Women's Commission Monthly Minutes

Online minutes from our meetings go back to 2013. They can be found at:  
<http://www.cambridgewomenscommission.org/meetings.php>

#### 5.) CRLS Sexual Harassment

Phyllis Bretholtz will connect with the CRLS student who she spoke with in October.