

MINUTES

February 18, 1986

FRIENDS OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

In the absence of a quorum, the meetings was not opened until 8.45 p.m. Those present discussed the banquet and membership in the Friends.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Anderson, Bonnie Warrington, Ann Fischer, Isabel Wright.

GUEST: Diane Koranda

THE BANQUET: Members discussed the relationship between the Friends and the Commission for Women in regard to the Banquet. Lee explained that the Commission communicated with the Friends through their representative, Candace Matson, who, in her turn, communicated with Lee as the representative of the Friends. In the case of publicity, the Friends' publicity chairperson would work with Sandy Ryder, the Commission's chairperson. Lee summarized the topics covered at the meeting on February 11th with Candace Matson regarding the banquet: the selection of the speaker, the inclusion of a young person in the nominations, the early mailing of the newsletter, the role of hostesses, and the addition of another tier of tickets for students. There was considerable discussion of the Commission's request that the presence of local politicians be acknowledged publicly at the Banquet. It was agreed that the Banquet was held for the express purpose of saluting women, not politicians.

Anne moved and Bonnie seconded that the Friends adopt the recommendation that we not introduce elected officials, except for those who have attained patron status through their contribution, because this banquet is our annual fundraiser and therefore we are focussing only on those people for whom the banquet is held.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Koranda presented her company's proposal to handle the Salute to Women Banquet in 1986. She stated that the fee she was requesting was 15% of the gross income generated by the event. Pointing out that last year she spent 75 to 80 hours on organizing the banquet, she argued that it had become an event too large for volunteers to handle. By employing her company, the board of the Friends would have more time to focus on other matters such as enlarging the volunteer bank requested by the Commission. She stated that her company would mail out the general invitations and the Friends and Commission members would have the major role of contacting patrons and publicizing the event. After investigating other facilities in the county, Diane stated that the Hilton was the largest available, west of the Conejo grade. East of this point, the Westlake Plaza Hotel was a suitable site, but it was generally agreed by those present that there was a psychological block for people living below the grade regarding coming to the Westlake Plaza. Further discussion of Diane's proposal was tabled until the next meeting for input from absent members. (Copy of Diane's proposal is attached to these minutes in addition to a copy of a financial report of the 1985 Banquet).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Isabel reported on the involvement of the Friends in California Lutheran University's Creative Options Day on March 8th. She agreed to be responsible for organizing the setting up and manning of the table from 8.30 to 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 to 2.00 p.m. Copies of the Commission's past newsletters will be obtained from Martha Baskerville and displayed on the table alongside information on membership in the Friends which will be provided by Bonnie Warrington in cooperation with Priscilla Pike. Isabel and Paula are decorating the table with balloons displaying the Friends' logo.

Isabel suggested that the Friends consider having a table at the Business Fair being organized by the Ventura County Professional Women's Network in Ventura on March 20th. After some discussion, Lee asked Isabel to report on this at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This was postponed until the next meeting.

REQUEST FROM THE COMMISSION: The Board discussed the funding request received from the Commission dated February 7th. It was noted that items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 might be funded through a transfer in the Commission's budget and that a decision on these items would be known by February 15th.

MOVED by Bonnie, SECONDED by Anne that the treasurer remit funds to the Commission to cover items 1 and 2. CARRIED unanimously.

Copy of this request is attached to these minutes.

THE BY-LAWS: Lee asked Isabel to contact Ray Clayton regarding the possibility of having life-time memberships and the procedure for recording the signatures of officers on amended minutes.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON DIRECTORS: Lee distributed bios of last year's directors. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25th, at 7.30 p.m. at 2220 Ventura Boulevard, Camarillo.