

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Connie Lawrason
Marilyn Maurer
Virginia Rogalsky

District 5

Aurora de la Selva
Beverlee Mc Grath
Eliza Thomas

MINUTES
JULY 11, 1992
CAMARILLO AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTER

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carol Ann Breyman called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present were: Breyman, Bysshe, Harrion, Harris-Murray, Lawrason, McGrath, McVerry, Rogalsky, Scovill, de la Selva, Thomas, and Weingardt. Commissioner MacDonald was excused. Commissioners Jones and Maurer were absent.

REORDERING

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Lawrason, seconded by Commissioner McVerry to approve the consent calendar as presented, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

- A. Approve Minutes of June 13, 1992
B. Receive Subsidiary Ledger for Accounting Period 12

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Chairperson's Report-Carol Ann Breyman

a. Bylaws Committee

A bylaws committee was formed with a representative from each district to review current bylaws. Commissioners should contact their district representative with any changes.

- Mary Jones District 1
Pat Harris-Murray District 2
Lois Harrion, Chair District 3
Virginia Rogalsky District 4
Eliza Thomas District 5

The Executive Board will present recommended changes to the Commission.

b. Annual Retreat

The September 12th meeting will be used as an annual retreat/planning meeting. There will be a very short commission meeting followed by an all day goal setting/planning session with a facilitator. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Scovill, for the Chair to seek a facilitator for this retreat. There being no objections, it was so ordered. Commissioners were asked to talk with Supervisors for their input.

B. Teen Pregnancy-Bysshe

Commissioners are in the process of getting Board approval of the drafted teen pregnancy letter. Nothing will be sent out until all Supervisors have seen and approved of this letter.

C. Women's Political Appointments Coalition Report-Scovill

WPAC will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Thousand Oaks Library Conference Room. Plans for future events include another workshop on November 7 and "brown bag" lunch speakers. Commissioner Scovill requested each District recommend possible speakers, mentors, and sites for this program.

D. Finance Committee Report-Thomas

Commissioner Thomas reported that a check for \$500 was written to the Oxnard Hilton for the Salute to Women Brunch. This money will come from the Trust Account.

It was moved by Commissioner Bysshe, seconded by Commissioner Weingardt, to continue with Commissioner Thomas and Lawrason and add Commissioner Breyman to the Finance Committee, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

E. Health Care Committee Report-McVerry

Commissioner McVerry indicated that there was no report this month.

F. Program Committee Report-Breyman

Family Law Forum 1992

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Lawrason, to purchase 200 directories from Interface. This motion failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner de la Selva, and amended by Commissioner Lawrason, to purchase 25 directories from Interface. One for each Commissioner and 10 to have on hand in the office. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Discussion pursued pertaining to what should be done for the next family law forum to attract more participants.

Commissioner Breyman thanked Commissioners Rogalsky and de la Selva for the jobs they did. The forum went beautifully and was well received.

Women's Resource Fair

Commissioners de la Selva and Thomas indicated that they had met with Esplanade Mall management and the Women's Resource Fair was tentatively scheduled for October 3, 1992. Letters will be sent to vendors asking for their participation and each Commissioner will be asked to work two hours the day of this event.

It was moved by Commissioner McVerry, seconded by Commissioner Harrion, to approve a \$500 budget for the Fair, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

Salute to Women

Commissioner Lawrason reviewed approximate costs for the Salute to Women Awards. It was moved by Commissioner McVerry, seconded by Commissioner Harrion, to approve a \$5,000 budget from the Trust Fund for the Salute to Women Awards Ceremony, there being no objections by a roll call vote, it was so ordered.

Chair Breyman reminded all Committees to submit reports in writing to the Commission office.

G. Women's Shelters Report-McGrath

Commissioner McGrath indicated that the Ventura shelter has five women and 17 children and their funding is being cut. A concern of the women in this shelter is that restraining orders are not working well. In Simi Valley, there are two women and seven children. They have a serious staffing problem and are also worried about funding. Women in this shelter felt the police were inconsistent with their treatment of restraining orders-some help, others do not. It was moved by Commissioner McGrath, seconded by Commissioner Lawrason, to send a "fact gathering" letter to local police departments to find out what their policy is pertaining to restraining orders, there being no objections, it was so ordered. Commissioner McGrath and McVerry will draft this letter.

H. Legislative Report-McGrath

Commissioner McGrath handed out a legislative update indicating the three bills she lobbied for on behalf of the Commission while she was in Sacramento: AB1488, AB2337, and AB2373.

I. Housing-Scovill

Commissioner Scovill gave an overview of her involvement with Citizen Planners Project. She would like to hold a study session on housing for the Commissioners. This session was scheduled for August 15th at 9:00 a.m.

- J. Child Care Update-Weingardt
Commissioner Weingardt reviewed the information she has received pertaining to Child Care. It was moved by Commissioner McVerry, seconded by Commissioner Harrion, to approve a \$75 conference fee to send Commissioners Weingardt and Maurer to "Partnerships for Solutions" on August 18, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Work Furlough Program for Women
Even though the Commissioners felt this was a worthwhile endeavor, they felt they did not have enough time to participate this year.
- B. Needs Survey
Commissioner de la Selva passed around a letter from JTPC, a non profit organization willing to co-sponsor a needs survey with the Commission. JTPC would run the program and use outside funds. It was moved by Commissioner Harris-Murray, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to join with JTPC to co-sponsor a county wide needs survey that would reflect the census of our county, there being no objections, it was so ordered. Members of this committee are Commissioners Harris-Murray-Chair, Rogalsky, Scovill, de la Selva, and Weingardt.
- C. Annual Report
It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Scovill, to see the Annual Report in September before it is presented to the Board, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Scovill, seconded by Commissioner Weingardt to allocate \$228.50 to print 2,000 newsletters, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Sovich
Administrative Aide