

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
3482 Loma Vista Road
Ventura, California

June 19, 1982

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mary Baird
Virginia Connell, Co-Chair
Mary Jane Johns
Ida Richarson
Tila Estrada
Sandra Ryder
Dorothy Engel
Stephen Wiman
Erin Sheffield

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Yvonne Bodle, Co-Chair
JoAnne Le Fils-Moore
Brook Hubbell
Lauren Anderson
Lupe Gonsalves
Carol Keochekian

GUESTS

Theresa Bentz
Erica Neville
Janice Harper
Bonnie Warrington
Sue Minich
Gilbert Chan

CALL TO ORDER

The June meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Co-Chair Virginia Connell. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 22, 1982, meeting of the Commission were reviewed. Two corrections were made:

- (1) Stephen Wiman is to be added to those members listed as present at that May 22 meeting; and
- (2) On page 6 of the minutes, the reference to the Fair Employment Practice Commission in Santa Barbara should be deleted.

Following a motion and a second, the minutes were approved as amended.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sandra Ryder stated that she had no correspondence to report to the Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Erin Sheffield reported that the Commission is on-target with its budget. She noted that Supervisor Erickson was very complimentary as to the Commission's contribution of three voluntary dollars of in-kind services for every one dollar the County provides the Commission.

Sheffield stated that as of May 29, 1982:

1. 92% of the fiscal year had elapsed.
2. 62% of the Salaries Account have been spent.
3. 71% of the total funds have been spent.
4. Approximately \$1500 remains in this year's budget.

CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

The last meeting of the Committee was on June 12, 1982. Dorothy Engel reported that the Marketing Subcommittee had presented long-range and short-range goals for the future efforts of the Committee (see attached).

Engel estimated that an employer packet will cost \$1600. The Private Industry Council will provide \$1000.

Regarding an employer's conference scheduled for the spring of 1983, Engel estimated the cost at \$3500-\$3600. This cost would be met in part from a conference fee of \$25.

Susan Van Abel of the County advised Engel that the Commission should apply for Revenue Sharing Funds to defray some of the costs of the Committee's activities. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Commission apply for these funds.

It was also moved, seconded and passed that the Commission seek a \$500 appropriations transfer.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Virginia Connell mentioned plans to have volunteers call groups to whom newsletters were sent in order to seek their financial sponsorship of the newsletter. Those interested should contact Connell.

Sheffield urged that the expense of producing the newsletter be reduced.

The Communications Committee will investigate alternative production approaches to the newsletter.

PRESENTATION BY RAPE CRISIS CENTER

Janice Harper of the Ventura County Rape Crisis Center explained a new program they are establishing which will train volunteers to work with victims of sexual harassment.

In the discussion which followed, Theresa Bentz of the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing clarified her agency's role in receiving and handling complaints of sexual harassment in employment. (The department's address is 5720 Ralston, Suite 302, Ventura, and the phone is 654-4510.)

The outcome of the discussion was the formation of a Sexual Harassment Task Force consisting of Janice Harper of Rape Crisis, Theresa Bentz of Fair Employment, and Commissioners Connell, Johns and Baird.

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

Erica Neville of the Women's Equity Coalition requested that the Commission sponsor Women's History Week in Ventura County. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Commission seek approval of the Board of Supervisors to sponsor Women's History Week.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Sheffield stated she will investigate possible incorporation of a fund raising arm of the Commission similar to one used in New York City.

AWARDS AND INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

Connell stated that Lupe Gonsalves was arranging for a September 23 dinner at the Lobster Trap to install new officers of the Commission.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gonsalves, Estrada, Sheffield and (Johns) will serve on the Nominating Committee. Sheffield will consult with Supervisors Jones and Dougherty as to whether they intend to reappoint the Commissioners from their districts so that they may be considered for nominations.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The following legislation was presented for the Commission's action and consideration:

AB 2994 - Increase in fee for birth certificates to fund child abuse programs moved, seconded and passed with one nay to support bill.

To be discussed at the July meeting:

AB 3133 - Prohibits sex discrimination in education (similar to Title IX). Presented for consideration.

AB 3714 - Health care benefits for older women. Presented for consideration.

Connell will ask the Board of Supervisors to simplify the process of the Commission in supporting legislation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Connell reported on business Women in the West Conference held in Ventura. She found the Conference valuable. There were between six and seven hundred participants.

Baird complimented Connell and Engel on their presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the Commission's Annual Report.

The next Commission meeting will be on July 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the Camarillo Public Library, 3100 Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo, California.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Prepared by Stephen Wiman.

did not volunteer

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