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Commission Members:

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN_ MINUTES JUNE 22, 1988

NORTH RANCH COUNTRY CLUB, WESTLAKE VILLAGE

District 1
Lauren Anderson
Karen Flock
Katie Reeder

<u>District 2</u> Diane Doria

Anita Garaway Susan H. Witting

District 3
Laura Espinosa
Naomi Kohl
Kathy Long

District 4
Dorothy J. Engel
Teresa Godinez

District 5
ean Harris
Eliza Thomas

Commission Staff
Bonnie M. Warrington
Tiffiney B. Lewis

I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Co-Chair Brook Hubbell.

II. Commissioners Present
Lauren Anderson, Ventura
Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks
Karen Flock, Ventura
Lillian Goldman, Camarillo
Brook Hubbell, Simi Valley
Zora Kirby, Thousand Oaks
Sandra Ryder, Camarillo
Terri Simonson, Ojai
Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks

Commissioners Absent
Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks
Tila Estrada, Oxnard
Jean Harris, Oxnard (excused)

<u>Staff Present</u> Martha Baskerville, Admin. Aide Linda Henry, Secretary

The Commission welcomed a new member, Teresa Simonson from Ojai. Terri was appointed by Supervisor Susan Lacey.

- III. The minutes of May 21, 1988 were accepted as submitted.
- IV. Public Comment Community member Pat Mason expressed her appreciation to the Commission's departing Administrative Aide, Martha Baskerville, for her work.
- V. Financial Report Karen Flock and staff
 A report for the most recent accounting period was not
 available for the meeting. An interim report as of June 21
 shows a balance of \$839.76 in the Services and Supplies
 account. However, there are some expenses which have not yet
 shown up in the report. One issue of the newsletter has been
 prepaid. (Note from staff: Revenue from donations and sales
 this fiscal year is \$395.50.)

Commissioners directed staff to prepay another issue of the newsletter and to purchase office supplies as funds allow.

VI. Correspondence - Susan Witting
A copy of the complete correspondence report is available in
the Commission office.

- A. The Commission has received information from the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and the Grossmont College Gender Equity Coordinator on plans for a statewide teleconference focusing on overcoming the barriers facing the 40 + Woman, scheduled for Friday, September 30. There was an invitation to participate in the teleconference. Commissioner Ryder will contact the local colleges to see if there are plans for local participation in the teleconference.
- B. The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of Martha Sheffey White from Oxnard.
- C. Letters of congratulations will be sent to County Supervisors Erickson, Flynn and Lacey, all of whom were recently re-elected to their positions.
- VII. Staff Report Martha Baskerville
 - A. County Personnel has announced the opening of Administrative Aide. Final application filing date is June 24. Commissioners who are available were asked to volunteer time in the VCCW office until a replacement is hired.
 - B. Commissioners were reminded to turn in their reports for inclusion in the Annual Report.
- VIII. Friends of the Commission Staff reported that \$200 had been received from the Friends toward expenses for the Family Law Forum.
 - IX. Task Force Reports

A. Education

Salute To Women - A new organization has been formed to facilitate the Salute To Women awards and banquet. Called "Salute To Women", a bank account has been opened with the seed money from the Friends. A letter will be sent to the Friends thanking them for the money. Koranda/Berry Enterprises will work with "Salute To Women" on the banquet which is scheduled for October 27, 1988 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ventura.

Award Nomination forms have been distributed. The deadline for receiving nominations is July 15. Commissioner Witting has been added to the awards selection committee.

The Banquet committee members are: Lauren Anderson, Dot Engel, Lillian Goldman, Sandy Ryder, Terri Simonson, Susan Witting, Zora Kirby and Karen Flock. They will meet on June 29 at 6 p.m., at the Camarillo Daily News building.

Women in Agriculture - Karen Flock
 The annual Women in Agriculture Forum has been set for
 October 22. Workshops will focus on four main areas:
 Education, both to improve skills in agriculture areas
 and for moving out of agriculture into other fields,
 Legal Issues, Child Care, and Housing.

The Committee is planning a survey of women in agriculture in Ventura County.

- 3. Pay Equity Project Lauren Anderson
 The Pay Equity Project will focus on research and
 education. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on
 July 13 at the Camarillo Daily News building.
- 4. The Women's History Project will host a fundraiser program/luncheon on December 8 at Mercury Savings & Loan, Arneill Road and Las Posas Road, in Camarillo.

More information will be available later on.

- B. Child Care Dot Engel
 No oral report. A written summary report has been
 submitted for inclusion in the Commission's Annual Report.
- C. Family Law Susan Witting Commissioner Witting is in contact with representatives of Camarillo Soroptimist and will meet with them on July 7 to discuss plans for the September seminar on sexual harassment.

Commissioners Witting and Kirby met with a representative from the Oxnard Press Courier to discuss the results of the family law court questionnaire. An article is planned on consumer information regarding legal rights and attorneys.

D. Housing - Karen Flock
City of Ventura is studying affordable housing and has
appointed a committee to draft a policy on affordable
housing, which will be presented to the Ventura Planning
Commission very soon. Ms. Flock will send copies of the
proposed policy to VCCW Commissioners prior to the next
meeting.

M/S/P, Simonson/Warrington: to send a letter to the Ventura City Planning Commission informing them of the VCCW's concern about affordable housing and stating that the VCCW will be following this issue.

Opposed: Commissioners Witting and Kirby

E. Counseling Domestic Violence Services Monitoring
Bonnie Warrington will serve on this committee with
Lillian Goldman. Commissioners will work with PSSA to
monitor contracts with the Coalition Against Household
Violence and Interface.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Legislative Analysis A written report was submitted. Copies are available in the office.
- B. Communications Zora Kirby
 Commissioner Engel will provide a newspaper clipping
 service for the Communications Committee. The next
 newsletter, July/August, will focus on the Salute To
 Women, Sexual Harassment Seminar and possibly the
 Teleconference on 40 + Women.

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. Commissioners Hubbell and Warrington reported on the Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker Resource Faire in Simi Valley. Attendance was lower than hoped for but the workshop sessions were worthwhile. The project was organized through a TIDE grant (Toward Individual Development through Education) and the Simi Valley School system.
- B. The nominating committee will meet on July 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioner Kirby's home. Committee members are Brook Hubbell, Zora Kirby, Karen Flock and Lillian Goldman.

XII New Business

The evaluation/planning session for 1988-89 was discussed. It will be held on the regular August monthly meeting date, August 20, location to be announced.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The July meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16, at 9:15 a.m. at the Camarillo Daily News building, corner of Adolfo Road and Avenida Acaso, Camarillo.