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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
3161 Loma Vista Road  
Ventura, California

March 19, 1983

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Yvonne Gallegos Bodle, Co-Chair  
Ginny Connell, Co-Chair  
Erin Sheffield  
Mary Jane Johns  
Brook Hubbell  
Mary Baird  
Lupe Gonsalves  
Dorothy Engel  
Tila Estrada  
Carol Keochekian  
Sandra Ryder  
Stephen Wiman  
JoAnne Moore

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Ida Richardson  
Lauren Anderson

GUESTS

Eliza Thomas  
Sandy Hughes  
Bill and Helen Peck  
Sally Murray  
Bonnie Warrington  
Cata Gomez  
David Gomez

CALL TO ORDER

The co-chairs called the March meeting of the Commission for Women to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Clubhouse at 1800 Masthead in Oxnard. Guests and Commissioners were introduced.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The February 19 minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Erin Sheffield pointed out that there is no money left in the Commission's budget for services and supplies for the remainder of the fiscal year. A discussion ensued regarding the Commission's budget and the revenue sharing funds set aside for the child care symposium. \$340 remains in the Friends of the Commission's account.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Lauren Anderson was absent. JoAnne Moore reported on the latest activities of Interface, as reported in their newsletter. Moore also shared information from the latest Ventura College annual report. Anderson will report on this month's correspondence at the next meeting.

CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

Carol Keochekian prepared a written report to hand out to the Commissioners. The child care symposium flyer advertising the conference will be ready the first week in April. 3000-5000 flyers will be printed, and will be paid for by the Private Industry Council.

Prudential Insurance Co. is donating folders to be handed out at the symposium. Commissioners were asked to volunteer to help with the mailing of the flyers.

The Commission has been requested to make information available to the State Commission's newsletter. Gonsalves will deliver that information to them next week when she is in Sacramento.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The latest edition of the newsletter (March-April) was ready for distribution, and all Commissioners received a copy. The next edition will be prepared as an annual report to the Board of Supervisors, and should be out sometime in May. That will be the last issue for this fiscal year.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Connell discussed the bill on family day care homes (Senator Diane Watson). Gonsalves will clarify one portion of this bill and will report at the next meeting. The bill is currently in committee in the legislature (SB 163).

The ERA reintroduction and the status of the bill was discussed. Connell distributed two articles on that issue. Another article on economic concerns of women was also circulated.

There was a report from the National Association of Commission for Women on position papers regarding a number of issues. Copies of this document are available through the Commission office.

JoAnne Moore moved to contact Blake Boyle, County Legislative Analyst, regarding the support of AJR I by the Board of Supervisors. This bill deals with the ERA. Motion carried with one discension.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT TASK FORCE

Connell reported that Barbara Roubeck, a consultant, met with members of the Task Force last month. There will be further exploration of how the Commission might work with the State Sexual Harassment Project. There will be a meeting of the task force on April 5, Tuesday at noon, at the Fair Employment office on Ralston in Ventura. Theresa Bentz will host.

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK TASK FORCE

Connell reported that it was a successful week which promoted a variety of activities that increased the awareness of women's place in history.

INFORMATIONAL

Hannah Beth Jackson, chair of the State Commission on the Status of Women, was a guest speaker at the meeting. She discussed recent activities of the State Commission, and talked about how the Ventura Commission can be further involved in the work they are doing.

Commissioner Steve Wiman will represent the Ventura County Commission for Women at the April 8 hearing in San Francisco on the Feminization of Poverty. This conference is sponsored by the Assembly Committee on Human Services, and co-sponsored by the State Commission on the Status of Women. Tom Bates will chair the conference. The four priorities to be discussed at the hearing are: (1) Comparable Worth, (2) child care, (3) child support and (4) older women.

The next meeting of the State Commission on the Status of Women will be in Los Angeles on May 20 and 21. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. The time and location will be available through the Ventura County Commission for Women's office at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

MAJOR PROJECT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR: A variety of possibilities was considered as a major project for the Commission to undertake. It was moved that for the next fiscal year the Commission undertake a needs assessment on the status of women in Ventura County, which will determine the Commission's priorities for the next year(s) and the findings of which shall be published for the Board of Supervisors and the Commission. Motion was carried.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU: The selection of a speaker's bureau will be delayed until the next meeting in the interest of time.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS: April 16 - place to be determined.  
May 19 - Child Care Symposium on May 19  
in Thousand Oaks.  
May 20 & 21 - State Commission meeting in LA.  
June 4 - place to be determined.

It was decided that there would be no May meeting of the Commission since the Symposium on child care will be held on May 19 in Thousand Oaks. Also, the State Commission is having their meeting in Los Angeles on May 20 & 21, which all Commissioners are encouraged to attend. The Commission meetings to be held on April 16 and June 4 will have the place determined at a later date. Notices will be mailed before the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Eliza Thomas, Ventura Community College, announced an adopt-a-grandparent program she is developing in Ventura County. It was moved to send a letter of support on this project. Motion carried.

Cata Gomez from the Ventura County Advisory Board on Alcohol Problems shared information on areas of concern for that Board. The Commission will be sharing information with them on the child care project.

Lupe Gonsalves gave information on the formation of Latinas Unidas for Political Action, and the goals of this new organization. She is currently working to organize a Ventura County chapter.

Sandra Ryder will write a press release on the information Hannah Beth Jackson shared with the Commission on the State Commission on the Status of Women.

Congratulations were offered to Brook Hubbell for her selection as the Simi Valley "Woman of the Year."

It was moved that the Commission for Women be a co-sponsor for Dia De La Mujer on May 4, 1983, at Oxnard College. Ventura College and Ventura County Women's Employment and Education will also be co-sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camarillo Women's Day will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Christian Church School in Camarillo. This year's fourth annual Women's Day will be entitled "A Woman's Place Is .... Everywhere!" For further information, call Judy Cunningham at Oxnard College, 484-4035.

The first annual \$5,000 Reverse Drawing was announced by the Ventura County Women's Employment and Education, Inc. Ticket donation is \$75.00 and can be purchased by individuals or companies, and includes one dinner, to be held on April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at DiFiore Restaurant in Ventura. For further information, call Women's Employment and Education at (805) 986-1711.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by JoAnne Le Fils-Moore.

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