

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road
Ventura, California
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MINUTES

November 17, 1984

The Meeting was held in the Santa Paula Savings and Loan Building, Santa Paula, and was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by presiding Co-Chair Dot Engel.

- I. The Commission welcomed our two newest appointees, Mary Silverman and Lupe Gonsalves. Both women are from Ventura and were appointed by District I Supervisor Susan Lacey.

Commissioners Present:

Ginny Connell
Julie Elliott
Dot Engel
Tila Estrada
Lupe Gonsalves
Louise Grethel
Brook Hubbell
Mary Jane Johns
Candy Matson
Sandy Ryder
Mary Silverman

Commissioners Excused:

Maggie Mireles
Alicia Ramirez- Brewer
Martha White

Commissioners Absent:

Ray Clayton

Guests:

Lee Anderson, President of The Friends

- II. The minutes of October 20, 1984 were approved as submitted.
- III. Executive Secretary's Report

Correspondence was received from:

- . City of Pittsburgh requesting information on our Needs Assessment project and on employer-assisted child care.
- . City of Phoenix recruiting a coordinator for the Women's Special Programs division.
- . Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority with a \$25 donation for the newsletter.
- . UC Irvine ordering 1 copy of the Proceedings of the Symposium.
- . Marin County Commission on the Status of Women with background information on SB2255 (pilot program for a county women's center).
- . State Commission on the Status of Women, information items.
- . City of Wichita, Citizen Rights and Services Director, requesting information on any training for police officers on women's issues.
- . Pauline Saunders re: the Salute To Women Awards banquet speaker.

Correspondence (cont'd)

- . Stan Whisenhunt, Managing Editor, Star Free Press, re: naming prominent people in Ventura.
- . Betty June Verity, a letter of appreciation for her award.
- . Technical Data Corporation re: recruitment for Caltrans highway construction.
- . Zella Kaiser, a letter of appreciation for her award.

Letters were sent to:

- . the award winners .
- . those who nominated the award winners .
- . Ernestine Hernandez, President of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, thanking her for the sponsorship of the newsletter.
- . Doris Tarleton, President of the Links, Inc., thanking her for the sponsorship of the newsletter.
- . Commissioner Johns thanking her for donating the cost of Rev. Leaming's dinner at the Salute to Women banquet.
- . Trudi Boudro, Oxnard, with information on The Friends and the Commission.
- . The Flower re: bringing Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" out of storage.

IV. Financial Report

As of October 12, the most recent reporting period for which information is available, 31% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 19% of the budget spent.

Commissioner Engel reported having met with Kathy Chester, Fiscal Unit, PSSA, to discuss the budget process and reporting procedures of the Commission.

V. Unfinished Business - Discussion of the Awards Banquet

It was agreed that the "Salute To Women" banquet was a huge success. The Commission is proud of each of the award recipients. The Friends are congratulated and thanked for their fine planning. Special appreciation goes to Lee Anderson for coordinating the program and to Diane Koranda for an outstanding job of handling the registrations, check-in process and negotiations with the hotel.

Correspondence received regarding the banquet and speaker will be answered by Commissioners Engel and Ryder.

Publicity about the banquet and award winners was very good. The Star Free Press printed an exceptionally good article written by Rita Moran.

Extra banquet programs are available and could be used as a

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source of information about The Friends and the Commission.
Call 496-8470 to request extra programs.

VI. New Business

A. Awards Selection Committee

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 27, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss ways to improve the awards selection and banquet process. The meeting will be held at 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo. This is the old Camarillo City Hall.

B. Location of Commission Meetings.

Staff reported on the availability of the PSSA Training facility in Ventura for regular monthly meetings. Several Commissioners asked to have the meetings held at one location regularly instead of holding the meeting in a different city each month.

Dates for next years' meetings were also discussed. Commissioners are asked to check schedules for major annual events in their communities, to bring that information to the December meeting, and to be prepared to set the dates and location for meetings for next year.

The regular December meeting will be held on December 8 at the home of Dot Engel. The business meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 12 noon followed by a holiday brunch. The Board of Supervisors will be invited to attend as well as The Friends Board of Directors, immediate past co-chairs Erin Sheffield and Jo Anne Le fils-Moore, and Clinton Tatum, CAO analyst.

C. Orientation Meeting for Commissioners and Friends

The meeting will be held in January. Exact date and time will be announced after consultation with Supervisor Erickson and Clinton Tatum. Proposed Goals and Objectives of the meeting and the establishing document of July 14, 1981 were distributed.

D. Dot Engel and Alicia Ramirez-Brewer will responded to the Star Free Press request regarding naming prominent citizens in Ventura.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Friends of the Commission

Lee Anderson reported that the Friends Directors are proud of the way the banquet came off. \$5420 was received through ticket sales. A final accounting for the event will be

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available after the Board of Directors' meeting on November 20.

The Friends will move on to organizational matters now that the banquet is over.

B. Needs Assessment Steering committee

Commissioner Connell announced that a consultant firm for the project has been hired - Hooper Lopez & Co. of Oxnard. Maureen Hooper-Lopez, Armando Lopez and staff will be the project coordinators and will take over the entire process from this point on. They will proceed with the surveys and public hearings.

The firm will prepare a final report for the Commission for Women or all women in Ventura County; a report for the Commission on Human Concerns about poor women in the county; recommendations for developing a 5-year plan with priority items.

Members of the Commission will be involved in the public hearings. Commissioners Elliott, Gonsalves, Matson and Silverman asked to be included on the public hearings committee.

C. Employer-Assisted Child Care

Commissioners Engel and Hubbell both reported having talked with Clinton Tatum regarding the final report being prepared by the county child care survey committee. Once finalized the report and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

D. NACW Planning Committee

The November 19 meeting of the committee in Pasadena has been rescheduled to December 10.

This commission's correspondence with other commissions and organizations regarding exhibits at the NACW Convention can be handled through the Pasadena CSW office.

All Commissions for Women who send delegates to the convention are invited to set up displays/exhibits. Many southern California women's organizations/programs will be invited to participate also. You may offer suggestions for area organizations/programs to be invited by calling the Commission for Women, (805) 652-6411.

Commissioner Grethel and staff discussed efforts to bring the National Women's Hall of Fame traveling exhibit to Pasadena for the convention. Also an inquiry has been made regarding cost and effort required to bring Judy Chicago's

NACW Planning Committee (cont'd)

"The Dinner Party" out of storage.

E. Women's History Week Task Force

Commissioner Connell reported that the Ventura County Women's Equity Coalition, a vital part of the task force, has joined the Women's History Network. The Network is an extension of the National Women's History Project and shows the growth of that Project. They are still the prime inspiration for the annual observances of National Women's History Week but are also carrying on nationwide efforts to have women included in all of history beyond the Women's History Week Observances.

Membership in the Women's History Network brings a Directory of the other members with information on the work they are doing related to women's history, areas of expertise, and how to contact them. There is also a quarterly news-letter.

The for-credit workshop on women in American history is being held again this year!

"Make Women in History Come Alive in Your Classroom"
January 25, 1985, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and January 26,
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Friday afternoon and evening and
Saturday) Fee includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday.

Cost: \$40 for no credit; \$60 for 1 hour credit from
California Lutheran College.

Place: California Lutheran College, Nelson Room

To register: Call Katy Cunningham, Cal Lutheran Office
of Continuing Education, 492-2411, ext. 490 or write
to her at Cal Lutheran, 60 W. Olsen Rd., Thousand Oaks,
CA 91360.

The workshop includes a chronological overview of women in American History, valuable resource information (print and non-print), specific models for integrating women into the K-12 curriculum, lesson plans and great good feelings about the possibilities for positive change. While specific information for classroom teachers and administrators is provided, anyone with an interest in history, women's history or current issues of concern to women will benefit and enjoy this workshop.

The presenters are Molly MacGregor and Bette Morgan, two of the founders of the National Women's History Project, who are also consultants for the California Dept. of Education, Title IX Office.

F. Communications

Commissioner Ryder announced that General Telephone graphic arts department is designing a new logo for our newsletter and will do the typesetting for the newsletter as a public service. The next issue of the newsletter will be ready for printing soon and will contain information and pictures of the "Salute to Women" award recipients as well as other pertinent information.

The Commission for Women greatly appreciates the generosity of General Telephone.

Ryder discussed and presented materials provided by General Telephone which were designed to serve as a model for developing and presenting a community seminar on child sexual abuse. The material was given to Commissioner Silverman for possible follow-up. It would be appropriate for the Commission for Women to co-sponsor such a seminar.

G. Domestic Violence Services Monitoring

Commissioners Johns and Grethel reported on a meeting with Nancy Steinhelper, PSSA Program Director, to discuss the process of monitoring services of recipients of Presley funds. The recipients maintain shelters for victims of domestic violence and provide other services for them.

The programs maintaining the shelters send quarterly reports to PSSA, after which Johns and Grethel will arrange a visit. They will be especially interested in the physical shelter and in the records kept showing contract compliance.

Commissioner Gonsalves asked to be added to the monitoring committee.

H. Legislative Analysis

The monthly summary of legislation of the just ended session in Sacramento will be available by the December meeting. There will also be a summary of new laws that were chaptered in 1984. Information from the state Commission on the Status of Women indicates their priority areas of concern for 1985 as: Homemaker's rights, Minority Women's Concerns, Employment, Adult Day Care and Latchkey Programs for school-age children, Education. Latchkey bills were passed by the legislature in the last session, were vetoed by the Governor but are expected to be reintroduced.

Connell shared information on the Women's Legislative Institute. Located in Sacramento, the Institute provides information on the process and players in the California legislature; provides training workshops in developing advocacy skills, negotiating strategies and coalition building;

provides analyses and status reports on legislation pending in the state legislature and has an information system to facilitate networking. There is a 35-minute slide presentation available.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

IX. Announcements

Commissioner Estrada invites everyone to attend the Candy Cane Festival and Parade , Plaza Park in Oxnard, December 1, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be arts and crafts booths and lots of good food.

Rainbow House II, a recovery program for women who are alcoholics, has received approval from the Simi Valley city council.