

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Jan Lawrence Bonnie Warrington Cynthia Hollister

DISTRICT V

Bea Gan Ina Howard Ruth Ann McAllister

MINUTES

October 2, 2004
Senior Nutrition Center
2220 Ventura Blvd.
Camarillo, CA

- 1. Call to Order by Chairperson Goodrow at 9:25 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call

A Cindi Love A Lyndsay Heitmann P Cynthia Hollister
P Cecilia Fargo A Roslinda Figueroa P Bea Gan
P Diana Goodrow P Sharon Hillbrant A Ina Howard
P Janis Gardner P Jan Lawrence A Ruth Ann McAllister
A Elizabeth Wagner P Bonnie Warrington

- Reordering of Agenda: Reordered to discuss Items B & C when Commissioner Lawrence arrived.
- Public Comment: Commissioner Warrington noted that Lori Zafiropoulos was named Woman of the Year by the First Ladies of S.V. Hospital Association.
- 5. Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Fargo made corrections to the minutes of September 4, 2004 as follows:

Item 7D: Replace 501c3 with 501(3)(c)

Item 8B: Replace "Women's Forum" with United Nations Day Summit, to be held at College United Methodist Church, Fellowship Room, in Ventura.

Also Item 8B: Correct spelling: Ferial Masry

Approval of September 4, 2004 minutes, with corrections as noted. Minutes accepted.

- 6. Order of Business
 - Treasurer's Report: Bank ending balance for August 31, 2004 was reported to be \$440.97.
 - 2. Incoming Mail Report: (on file) presented by Commissioner Goodrow:
 - 3. Incoming Calls: Commissioner Goodrow returned all calls providing the information and/or referrals. Of note: Linda Green from State Department called regarding World Affairs Council of Ventura County, October 28th, Hampton Inn in Camarillo. Charlotte Ponticelli, Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues at the U.S. Department of State will speak on "Women in War and Reconstruction: The U.S. Commitment to Women in Afghanistan and Iraq".



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7.Old Business

- A. Web page: Commissioner Hollister reported that she now has access to the VCCW website, and will begin modifications.
- B Board of Supervisor's Report: Commissioners Hillbrant and Goodrow need to get information to Commissioner Gardner, by November 3. Commissioner Goodrow called to get a Time Certain for January or February. This report will also be included in the 501(3)(c).
- C. Women's History Month:
- D. 501(3)(c): Commissioner Lawrence has begun the application to the Community Partners. The Commission thanked Commissioner Lawrence for the effort that she is putting into the application. She needs proposed names for the Board of Directors of Friends of the Commission. Commissioner Gardner moved, and Commissioner Warrington seconded a motion that after we are funded, we support, for example, the Siblings Program of the County's Adolescent Family Life Program, which was dropped nine months ago because of the county budget cuts.
- E. Brochure: Commissioner Lawrence showed us the proposed brochure. To be added to the brochure: "Developing a 'Friends of the Commission' in order to further our commitment to women and families in the community". Commissioner Lawrence will email the final to all of us to look over before the next meeting.
- F. First Five/NFL: Try to go to our neighborhood meetings so we can support them.
- G. VCCC: Commissioner Goodrow has not been able to reach them. Very important Commission – addresses family and children issues.
- H. Reproductive Rights Network (RRN): They have changed their meetings to second Tuesday of each month.

8. New Business:

- A. Child Support Services: Commissioner Warrington will provide more information at the next meeting.
- B. Women's Summit: Commissioner Fargo discussed October 19, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. United Nations Day, speakers and panelists, who were all chosen because they are members of United Nations Council Associations and will discuss how their program is empowering women. Participants from Amnesty International and Women's Political Caucus. Supervisor Long will make presentation.

9. Commissioners Discussion and Announcements

- A. Update of our Commission list
- B. Put list of books on our website
- C. Commissioner Lawrence is suggesting we have a backup of all electronic files.
- D. Commissioner Hillbrant noted The National Women's Political Caucus of Ventura County held a successful "Meet and Greet" at the Greek at the Harbor Restaurant on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at which 8 of the 14 women candidates endorsed by the organization were present. National Women's Caucus has endorsed 5 state and 12 local candidates. Also, attended Ventura County Community Foundation on Sept. 23.
- E. Commissioner Hillbrant noted on Thursday, Oct. 7, the National Women's Political Caucus of Ventura County will hold its third annual "11 Remarkable Women & 1 Good Guy Calendar Reception" at the Ventura County Museum of History and Art. Two of the 2005 honorees are former Commission members Celeste Weingardt and Ginny Connell. This



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year's honorees include Commission members Cecilia Fargo and Sharon Hillbrant.

- F. It was noted: There are 40 million women of voting age in this country. Deadline to vote is October 18th. Voting should be one of the issues we cover in our Summit.
- 10. Check out and Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.
- 11. Next meeting November 6, 2004 at 9:00a.m., 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, Ca.
- 12. Commissioners' Mileage/Hours/ Expense Report- September 2004

Jan Lawrence 200/40/\$30 100/100/\$50 Diana Goodrow **Bonnie Warrington** 75/28/\$0 10/0/\$0 Bea Gan 10/5/\$0 **Sharon Hillbrant** Cynthia Hollister 10/3/\$0 10/0/\$5 Janis Gardner Cecilia Fargo 65/10/\$0

Guest: Nancy Lee Phillips

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hollister