

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road
Ventura, California

September 10, 1983

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ginny Connell, Co-Chair
Lauren Anderson
Mary Baird
Brook Hubbell
Mary Jane Johns
Carol Keochekian
JoAnne Moore
Sandy Ryder
Erin Sheffield
Stephen Wiman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Dorothy Engel
Lupe Gonsalves
Tila Estrada
Ida Richardson

The meeting was held at the Camarillo Public Library, 3200 Ponderosa Road, Camarillo, and was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Ginny Connell.

I. REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of July 16, 1983 were approved as submitted.

II. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. The Commission has received the following items of correspondence:

A letter from the National Association of Commissions for Women informing us of a change of location for the 1984 national convention from Pasadena to Washington, D.C. The change was made in order to take advantage of the Washington location during the 1984 election year.

- B. The Commission has sent out the following items of correspondence:

1. A letter to the National Association of Commissions for Women supporting Pasadena as the national convention site for 1985 and the Pasadena Commission for Women as the host for the event. Letter sent by Lauren Anderson.
2. Letters regarding National Women's History Week were sent from Ginny Connell to the following persons: President Reagan, Governor Dukemejian, Mr. William Honig, Mr. James Cowan, Congresspersons Robert Lagomarsino and Bobbi Fiedler, State Senators

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Ed Davis and Gary Hart, Assemblypersons Jack O'Connell and Tom Mc Clintock, and Senators Pete Wilson and Alan Cranston.

3. A letter was sent to Assemblywoman Gloria Molina from Lupe Gonsalves thanking her for accepting the invitation to speak at the "Salute To Women" Awards Banquet.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Erin Sheffield reported that as of August 19, 1983, 15% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 12% of the budget spent.
- B. Ginny Connell reported that at the Supervisor's budget hearings, the funding for the continuation of the Commission for Women was approved at \$10,700.

As a separate policy item, \$500 was approved for the Child Care Project.

A request to change the status of the clerical secretary's position from Extra Help to Permanent Part-Time was denied.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Child Care Committee

Brook Hubbell is working on a Needs Assessment for County employees.

The KISS brochure needs to be reprinted. Brook Hubbell and Mary Baird will investigate county policy on printing and selling the brochure.

The U.S. Government Copyright office returned the application for copyright of the KISS brochure with the information that the copyright should include only the names of the authors, Brook Hubbell and Mary Baird, and omit the name of Ventura County. The application was changed appropriately and re-submitted.

B. Communications Committee

Sandy Ryder asked for new information and articles from the other commissioners to be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont'd)

C. Awards Banquet

The "Salute To Women" Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 27, 1983, at the Lobster Trap Restaurant in Oxnard. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by the program.

The guest speaker will be Assemblywoman Gloria Molina whose topic will be "Women As Decision Makers".

The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Commission. Reservations can be made by sending a check to Lupe Gonsalves, P.O. Box 6782, Ventura, CA 93006.

D. Awards Nominations

Ginny Connell has sent out a press release regarding the awards nominations and has sent nominating forms to all women's organizations in the county requesting them to submit nominees.

The members of the Awards Selection Committee are: Ginny Connell, Erin Sheffield, Mary Jane Johns, JoAnne Moore, and Lupe Gonsalves.

The deadline for submitting nominations was extended to October 1st.

E. National Women's History Week

Letters have been sent to public school superintendents requesting that NWHW be put on the academic calendars.

The NWHW Task Force had a display table at the Ventura County Teachers' Workshops held at Camarillo High School in August. Free information and resource lists were made available to the workshop participants by the Women's Equity Coalition.

F. Legislative Analysis Committee

Federal:

1. There are resolutions in both houses of Congress to delay the reorganization of the Department of Education until there is a complete study by the GAO. These resolutions are HR157 and SR60. They should be supported by writing to Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510,

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Legislative Analysis (Cont'd)

and to Rep. Bobbi Fiedler at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515.

2. House Bill HR100 and Senate Bill S372 deal with removal of sex discrimination in insurance and should be supported by writing letters to Senators Cranston and Wilson and also Congresspersons Lagomarsino and Fiedler. See addresses above.
3. Hearings are being held in both houses of Congress on the Equal Rights Amendment. Letters of support and encouragement and appreciation should be written to those legislators who support ERA (Senators Cranston and Wilson, Rep. Fiedler) and requests for support to those who oppose or who have taken no position (Rep. Lagomarsino).

G. Commission Nominating Committee

The nominating committee proposed the following candidates for election to offices within the Commission:

Erin Sheffield:	Co-Chair
JoAnne Moore:	Co-Chair
Lauren Anderson:	Executive Secretary
Ginny Connell:	Treasurer

Stephen Wiman moved to unanimously elect the slate of candidates. The motion was seconded and passed.

Congratulations to the new officers!

V. INFORMATIONAL

- A. The Commission welcomed two guests. Barbara Rogers, representing the USC Office of Continuing Education, and Melanie Wead, Program Manager of the BusinessWomen West '83 Conference, presented information regarding the upcoming conference.

Scheduled for Oct. 26-29, 1983, the Conference will take place at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton and Towers, 5711 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

The Conference is geared toward women entrepreneurs with four Workshop Tracks: Management, Self-Development, Entrepreneurial, and Procurement.

The Ventura County Commission for Women is one of the sponsors of the Conference.

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INFORMATIONAL (Cont'd)

The local office of the USC BusinessWomen West Conference is located in Camarillo at 1601 North Carmen Drive, on the corner of Las Posas Road and Carmen Drive.

- B. Commissioner JoAnne Le-Fils Moore presented information regarding the Coalition Against Household Violence. She is the current Executive Director. JoAnne gave a brief history of the development of the CAHV and discussed its progress, its present status and financial outlook. She also gave a packet of written information to the Commissioners and requested time on the agenda for October's meeting to discuss that information giving the other Commissioners a chance to become familiar with it.

VI. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- A. There is an opening on the Ventura County Commission for Women for the Third Supervisorial District, Maggie Erickson's district. Call Beverly Bentz in Supervisor Erickson's office for an application. 654-2276 or your local county toll-free number.
- B. The California State Commission on the Status of Women is seeking an Executive Director. The position is in Sacramento. Write to the Commission for information. 926 J Street, Room 1506, Sacramento, CA 95814.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. An inquiry from the National Association of Commissions for Women posed the following question: Should priorities for NACW be set by the voting delegates at the national conventions or should they be set by having member commissions submit lists of their own priority recommendations and then taking a consensus?

After discussion, the Commission decided to recommend that NACW priorities be set after receiving lists of priorities from local commissions.

- B. Having been asked by NACW to select seven issues as priorities for NACW from a proposed list of approximately twenty-five issues, the Commission chose the following seven as their recommendations for top priority issues with equal emphasis placed on each:

ERA
Education Equity and Title IX
Abortion Rights

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NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Domestic Violence
Child Welfare and Opposition to Cuts in Social Programs
Full Employment
Affirmative Action

Mary Jane Johns and Erin Sheffield asked that the minutes show that they are opposed to the inclusion of Full Employment on the priorities list; Mary Jane Johns asked that the minutes also show that she is opposed to the inclusion of ERA and Abortion Rights.

*Specifically
on women's issue*

JoAnne Moore suggested that a copy of our priority recommendations be sent to the California State Commission on the Status of Women as an information item.

- C. The Commission voted to renew membership in the NACW.
- D. Maria Diaz, the County Affirmative Action Officer, would like to hear the Commission members' feelings on county affirmative action programs. She will be invited to attend a Commission meeting.
- E. Future Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission for Women will take place on Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon in the conference room of the Commission on Human Concerns, 255 South Laurel in downtown Ventura. This is directly across from the General Tire Co. on the corner of Thompson and Laurel.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting was scheduled for Sept. 15 at the China Palace restaurant in Ventura to pursue the possibility of establishing a county employees' day-care center at Mounds School. Contact JoAnne Moore for information regarding that meeting. 656-5799.

*Human Services
agency office
space*

Submitted by Martha Baskerville