

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
September 20, 1986

I. The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Co-chair Dot Engel.

II. Commissioners and guests were introduced. The Commission welcomed Alice Miller who has just joined the staff as a senior clerk typist.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

- Marlene Alexander
Lauren Anderson
Ginny Connell
Dot Engel
Karen Flock
Brook Hubbell
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Arleen Rosenfield
Sandra Ryder
Meredith Thomas-Sheehan
Bonnie Warrington
Martha S. White
Ray Clayton
Tila Estrada
Lillian Goldman

GUESTS:

Jeanine Faria, Faria Family Foundation; Lee Anderson, President of the Friends; Sylvia Preston, Child Development Resources; Laurie Freeman, OPAL; Dr. Pamela Malkin, Lester Summerfield and Associates; Sylvia Armitta, Interface.

III. The Minutes of July 19 were corrected to include the names of Commissioner Flock and Friends' Director Isabel Wright as being present.

IV. Financial Report - Martha White
As of August 15, with 15% of the fiscal year elapsed, 4% of Level I funds and 1% of Level 2 funds were expended.

V. A copy of the complete correspondence report is available from the Commission office. In response to an inquiry from California Lutheran University, the Commission voted to again co-sponsor Creative Options: A Day for Women.

VI. Staff Report

Administrative Aide Martha Baskerville reported that the computer equipment has been installed in the Commission's office. Ms. Baskerville will be out of the office each Tuesday for the next several weeks to attend Zenger-Miller Supervision Training.

A schedule of meeting dates for 1986-87 was confirmed. The dates are as follows: October 18, November 15, no regular monthly meeting in December, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 11, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15. The meetings will be held at the PSSA Facility, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, at 9 a.m., unless notified otherwise.

VII. Friends of the Commission and

VIII. Education Task Force

A.1. "Salute to Women" Awards M. White and L.

Anderson. There was a report on and discussion of the distribution of banquet invitations for hand addressing and mailing, and on the preparation and distribution of media releases with photos of the award recipients.

Commissioners will serve as hostesses for the award recipients during the social hour and banquet, and will escort them to the podium to receive their award. Recipients may have up to 3 minutes to speak after receiving their plaque.

M/S/P, Connell, Thomas-Sheehan: to have a station for each awardee with an easel, including name, category and possibly a picture, with the intent that the awardee and host commissioner would be available during the social hour to meet media representatives and other guests.

Commissioners Connell, Alexander, Warrington and Ryder will arrange the easel displays.

M/S/P, Rosenfield, Warrington: to use the Board Room at the Westlake Plaza Hotel to display materials about the Commission for Women and the Friends of the Commission.

Commissioners Connell, Rosenfield, Flock and Ramirez-Brewer will set up the display materials.

Friends Director Priscilla Pike made a presentation on seeking patron support from county businesses with commissioners being asked to follow through.

Friends distributed cloisonne pins with the logo from Commission for Women newsletter and Friends, as gifts to the Commissioners. These pins are available for a minimum \$3 donation.

A.2. Women's History Project Ginny Connell

A women's history materials and audio/visual display was set up for the County Teachers Summer workshops in August. The National Women's History Project has expanded their focus from Women's History Week to Women's History Month beginning in March, 1987. The Ventura County Community College District is developing plans for on-campus recognition of Women's History Month for 1987.

Commissioner Alexander is working with other volunteers to develop women's history curriculum materials for middle schools in the Conejo area. Commissioner Anderson has joined the WH Project and will be doing similar work for schools in the Ventura area.

A.3. Agriculture Forum follow-up - Ginny Connell

Commissioner Connell reported on the follow-up meeting to the forum. Present were: herself, Commissioners Flock, Engel and Rosenfield, Friends President Lee Anderson, and community participants Ellen Brokaw, Mary Lopez, Alina Lopez-Marin and Gabe Serrano.

M/S/P, Ramirez-Brewer, Warrington: to accept the recommendations from the Education Task Force to host an annual forum focusing on the issues of women in agriculture in Ventura County.

M/S/P, Connell, Anderson: to provide a transcript of the initial agriculture forum to the committee.

M/S/P, Connell, Rosenfield: to authorize Commissioner Connell to investigate costs involved in transcribing the tapes of the first forum and to make a formal proposal to the Friends to request their assistance for the project.

Laurie Freeman will also serve on the follow-up committee.

A.4. Education Task Force Meeting - Ginny Connell

A meeting was held on August 28 to review the Education Task Force 5-year plan and current goals. Present were Commissioners Connell and Rosenfield and volunteer Jeanine Faria. Current members of this task force, in addition to those mentioned above, are Commissioners Anderson, Engel and Alexander. Continuing projects are the Salute to Women Awards, Women's History Project and the Agriculture Forum Committee. There will be a linkage with the county-wide Information and Resource Network and with the library services agency's information project. The next big responsibility is to develop the second agriculture forum and to work with community members to develop projects related to flow of labor and skills re-training for agricultural workers.

B. Housing - Karen Flock

Commissioner Flock is the new chair of this task force which will meet on Oct. 8. "Many Mansions" staff member, Ed Nelson, will share information on supplementing Section 8 housing.

Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation announced the opening of 39 new housing units for farm workers.

C. Counseling Task Force - Domestic Violence Services Monitoring - Lauren Anderson

Commissioner Anderson is now a member of the board of directors for the Coalition Against Household Violence. Interface Community representative Sylvia Armitta announced that they have hired a professional therapist at the Interface shelter in Simi Valley and they will be hiring a children and community service worker.

Oct. 21 is the 3rd Annual Conference on Family Violence, scheduled for Harbortown, Ventura.

D. Child Care - Brook Hubbell

Oct 14-18 has been declared Child Care Week in Ventura County. Proclamations will be issued by the state legislature, Ventura County Board of Supervisors and the cities in the county. Several activities in support of the Child Care Week are Planned and efforts will be ongoing by the Commission for Women, United Way and other interested organizations and individuals to garner political support to continue the push for employer-assisted child care.

A breakfast for chief executive officers hosted by United Way will be held on Oct. 8. A follow-up seminar will be held two weeks later at which time members of the Commission will present information to designated representatives from the companies.

M/S/P Alexander, _____, : to send a letter to Conejo Future Foundation commending their initiative and leadership in developing a child care project and acknowledging and thanking them for their cooperative efforts in this area.

The Commission thanked Sylvia Preston and Sam Garcia, Child Development Resources, for their efforts in presenting the child care community seminar held recently in Oxnard. A letter will be sent.

Commissioner Rosenfield is now a member of the Child Development Resources Advisory Board.

E. Divorced Women/Female Heads of Households -

Arleen Rosenfield

Commissioner Rosenfield announced that effective Oct. 8, the Child Support Division of the DA's office will extend its hours on Wednesday evenings to 8 p.m. The 90-day trial program will enable clients to consult with the child support division staff without losing time from work as well as provide additional hours for absent parents to make their support payments. The decision, made by DA Michael Bradbury, is a direct result of discussions between C. Stanley Trom, Executive Director of the Child Support Division, and Commissioner Rosenfield.

Ms. Rosenfield distributed copies of a new booklet prepared by the DA's office, "Child Support Information Handbook," which provides information on eligibility, services provided, case handling and enforcement.

IX. Committees

A. Communications - Sandy Ryder

Ms. Ryder distributed copies of the new brochure about the Commission for Women which was printed courtesy of GTE. The Commission expressed its appreciation to GTE for this contribution and for previous ones. An effective brochure distribution plan needs to be developed.

The next newsletter will feature Carolyn Leavens, awards banquet mistress of ceremonies, on the front page.

B. Legislative Analysis - Arleen Rosenfield

M/S/P, Rosenfield, to send a letter to the Governor urging his signature on bills which are now on his desk: SB 1071, 1751 and 1529.

Commissioner Alexander will be the new chair of the legislative analysis committee.

X. Unfinished Business

Commissioner Connell reported on the meeting held in August to discuss plans for a county women's center. The group decided to become a Steering Committee with 14 members at present.

XI. New Business

A. The nominating committee presented the following slate of proposed officers for 1986-87: Co-chairs - Brook Hubbell and Arleen Rosenfield; Executive Secretary- Bonnie Warrington; Finance Officer - Martha White. The slate was elected by acclamation.

B. Commissioners were asked to review the Bylaws to determine if a Bylaws Revision committee should be established.

C. A letter will be sent to San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women to investigate possible dates for a tri-county meeting with them and Santa Barbara County Commission for Women, to be hosted by the Ventura County Commission.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m., 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.