

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

October 9, 1982

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ginny Connell, Co-Chair
Yvonne Bodle, Co-Chair
Lauren Anderson
Lupe Gonsalves
Tila Estrada
Sandra Ryder
Erin Sheffield
Mary Baird
Brook Hubbell
Ida Richardson
Stephen Wiman
Dorothy Engel
Mary Jane Johns

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Carol Keochekian
JoAnne Le Fils-Moore

GUESTS

Nancy Erday
Susan Elam

STAFF

Beverly French

CALL TO ORDER

The October meeting of the Commission for Women was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Co-Chair Yvonne Bodle. The meeting was held at the Clubhouse at 1800 Masthead, Oxnard. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the September 11, 1982, meeting of the Commission were approved as read.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Lauren Anderson reported on incoming and outgoing correspondence as follows:

1. The Commission for Women sent a letter of support for the Private Industry Council to the Board of Supervisors.
2. Yvonne Bodle, representing the Commission, wrote a letter to Bonnie Franklin, asking her to be the presenter at the awards banquet on Thursday, October 28.

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3. The Commission wrote a letter to Senator Omer Rains, thanking him for supporting the State Commission's right to lobby, and restoring that right to them.
4. A letter was sent to all of the women's organizations in Ventura County, informing them about and inviting them to the awards banquet on October 28 in Oxnard.
5. A letter from the City of Dayton, Ohio, asking for information regarding a Female Business Enterprises Ordinance, was referred to us from Lee Riggan of the Commission on Human Concerns. The Commission, in turn, referred that letter to Blake Boyle in the County's Chief Administrative Office. We are waiting to hear from him on this matter.
6. The Commission received a letter from Richard Wittenberg, Chief Administrative Officer for Ventura County, telling us that he would be unable to attend the banquet on October 28.
7. Supervisor Ed Jones also wrote to tell us that he would be unable to attend the banquet.
8. Assemblyman Chuck Imbrecht wrote to tell us that he, also, will be unable to attend the banquet on that date.
9. Supervisor Susan Lacey wrote to tell us she had a prior commitment on the same date as the banquet, and sent her regrets.

Anderson also reported on the September 13 Ventura City Council meeting, where a complaint was registered against the shelter for battered women being established in Ventura by the Coalition Against Household Violence. JoAnne Moore and Yvonne Bodle were present at that meeting to offer support for the shelter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 17, 1982, 23% of the fiscal year had elapsed and 12% of the Commission's budget had been spent.

Erin Sheffield, Yvonne Bodle and Ginny Connell met with PSSA representatives this month to discuss the printing of the newsletter. Ken Ryman of PSSA pointed out that the newsletter should be printed through the County Graphics Department, if at all possible, since that is the County's official policy. The permanent status of the staff secretary was also discussed. It was decided that the Commission must raise \$600 of its own money to put into the budget in order to allow the staff secretary to have permanent status with the Commission.

AWARDS AND INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

Chair Lupe Gonsalves reported that the Commission has, to date, received approximately 85 nominations. A special committee was formed to review and choose those women to receive awards.

Presently, 34 reservations have been made for the banquet. The Dodge-Munoz Insurance Agency will sponsor the tickets for the award winners' dinners. Also, Supervisor James Dougherty wrote a letter to say he would be attending the banquet.

The press coverage has not always been good, reported Gonsalves, and she is working on getting better coverage from the County's newspapers.

Sandra Ryder and Yvonne Bodle will make appointments for the award winners to come into the office so they can interview them and obtain the necessary publicity and photographs for the awards banquet.

The Awards and Installation Committee has scheduled another meeting to discuss the program details, and also the installation of officers. They will ask Supervisor Dougherty if he will install the officers. It was decided that semi-formal attire would be appropriate for the banquet. Finance Officer Sheffield reported that the Friends of the Commission have a total of \$271.46 in their account, to date.

CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

Chair Dorothy Engel reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Library. At the September 21 meeting of the Committee, a new sub-committee was established. It will be called the Consultant Procedures Sub-Committee, and will be chaired by Chris Eakins. Sue Minich and Barbara Backus will help Eakins on this committee.

The Committee also discussed the employer flyer which was mailed out during the last week of September. It was decided that when calls or written requests come into the office, an interview would be set up to handle that request. Brook Hubbell will be in charge of that task.

Another brochure will be printed soon by the Private Industry Council. Brook Hubbell reported on the coordination of the flyer, brochure and presentation booklet which talks about employer-assisted child care. Goals were set and good progress is being made in reaching those goals.

The Conference being planned for the spring of 1983 regarding child care in industry is beginning to take shape. A steering committee is being formed to help make decisions about the program, the companies to be invited, promotion, etc.

Lagomarsino's office has informed us that the grant application is a dead issue. A new application can be submitted in November when the new federal register comes out.

A letter was sent out to all the press in Ventura County, asking them to put a note on each child care advertisement column regarding child care licensure in the County. Responses to the letter were discussed.

Stephen Wiman was interviewed on several County radio stations regarding Quality Child Care Month in September. One of the interviews was taped by Yvonne Bodle and was played for the Commission to hear.

Engel reported on a symposium at the UC Irvine campus to be held on Saturday, November 6, 1982, entitled "Winning Ways for Working Mothers." Engel moved to send one person from the Commission to the symposium, since there is money in the budget for that purpose. Motion carried.

The Simi Valley Adventist Hospital's new child care facility will break ground on November 10. Engel will be present to represent the Commission. Bodle suggested that the Supervisor from Engel's district be invited to go, as well.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Sandra Ryder reported that the next issue of the Commission's newsletter, which should be out by the first week of November, will contain articles on the following: Rainbow House, Breakthrough, award winners, update of the Child Care Project Committee, Simi Adventist Child Care Center, DES Action Line, the new shelter for battered women sponsored by the Coalition Against Household Violence, and more. It was decided that each issue should contain a short article on one Commissioner.

There was a brief discussion of the newsletter printing, ways and means of doing so. Ryder would like to expand on the next issue and make it eight pages, instead of four.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Chair Ginny Connell reported that there is not much activity in regard to legislative issues to report on at the present time. More activity will ensue in January. The members of the Legislative Analysis Committee are expending their energies in other projects for the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sexual Harassment Task Force

Connell reported that three groups are part of this task force, namely, the Commission for Women, Rape Crisis and the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing. Mary Jane Johns, Wendy Fraser, Janice Harper, Theresa Bentz and Connell met in August to form research groups to gather materials. They will meet again in November and soon will have a program to suggest.

Bodle gave the Task Force a copy of the Policy on Sexual Harassment published by Ventura College. She also gave each Commissioner a copy for future reference.

2. Women's History Week

Connell, Nancy Craft and Martha Baskerville will work on the sponsoring body of Women's History Week. They will be sending a letter to all school superintendents in Ventura County, asking them to plan to celebrate Women's History Week in March 1983.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a report from Lauren Anderson and Yvonne Bodle on the Ventura County Community College District Advisory Board on the Status of Women. Two sub-committees have been formed: Sexual Discrimination and Education Curriculum. The Board will be looking into the matter of equal pay for equal work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorothy Engel announced that on October 12 at her home (3940 Calle de Sol, Thousand Oaks) the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a ballot measures pros and cons from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Also, that same program will be presented on October 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Hadel's Restaurant. It will be a buffet.

Yvonne Bodle announced that Ventura College's annual Women's Day program will be held on Saturday, October 23, at Ventura College. It will be entitled "Traditional - Transitional - Tomorrow's Person - Are Your T's In Order?" It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A discussion followed of the possibility of the Commission being represented at the program, being introduced, passing out flyers and newsletters, and being present to meet women in the community.

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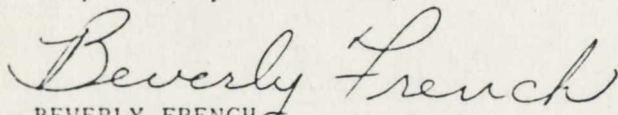
The November meeting of the Commission will be held on Saturday, November 20, at the Camarillo Public Library from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The December meeting will be held on December 18 at Yvonne Bodle's house at Solimar Beach.

It was announced that there will be a fund raising event held in November by the Channel Counties Legal Services.

Engel suggested meeting at the new Prudential Insurance Company building in Westlake Village for one of the Commission's monthly meetings. Is there a possibility of meeting there in January? The staff secretary will write a letter and see if that is possible.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


BEVERLY FRENCH
Staff Secretary