

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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District 1

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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Monthly Meeting

January 23, 1988

MINUTES

District 2 I. Diane Doria

Anita Garaway

Susan H. Witting

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Sandy Ryder at 9:15 a.m.

District 3

Laura Espinosa

Naomi Kohl

Kathy Long

Commissioners present:

Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks

Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks

Karen Flock, Ventura

Jean Harris, Oxnard

Zora Kirby, Thousand Oaks

Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley

Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks

Lauren Anderson, Ventura

Tila Estrada, Oxnard

Lillian Goldman, Camarillo

Brook Hubbell, Simi Valley

Sandra Ryder, Camarillo

Martha White, Oxnard

District 4

Dorothy J. Engel

Teresa Godinez

Guests:

Arleen Reetz

Pat Mason

Ginny Connell

Shirley Jewett

Staff:

Martha Baskerville, Admin. Aide

Linda Henry, Secretary

District 5

Jean Harris

Eliza Thomas

Commission Staff The Minutes of November 21, 1987 were accepted as submitted.

Bonnie M. Warrington

Tiffney B. Lewis

Public Comment - Shirley Jewett, publisher of Ventura County Woman Magazine, discussed the availability of a \$114,000 grant in the city of Simi Valley and requested any information on potential grant writers to help prepare a proposal for a women's center.

- V. Financial Report - Commissioner Flock
As of January 1, 1988, with 54% of the fiscal year elapsed, 31% of level 1000 funds (salaries and employee benefits) and 34% of level 2000 funds (services and supplies) have been expended.

- VI. Correspondence Report - Commissioner Witting
A copy of the complete correspondence report is available in the Commission office.

In response to an invitation from the State Commission on the Status of Women to participate in the March 1 Women's History Celebration program and display, the Commission voted to work with representatives of the Ventura County Historical Society to submit a picture and information about Candelaria Valenzuela, last of the Sespe Chumash, as our contribution to that program.

- VII. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville
Commission Secretary, Linda Henry, hired as an extra-help county employee, is now a permanent employee.

VIII. Friends of the Commission

The Commission feels the current procedure for requesting funds from the Friends is not satisfactory.

There was a discussion on the roles of the Commission and of the Friends.

M/S/P, Albert/Engel: to set up a committee to look into the process for setting up and using a trust fund within the County in the name of the Commission for Women. The committee will report at the February meeting.

M/S/P, Hubbell/Harris: that co-chairs are directed to draft a position statement to present to the Friends re: funding procedures and a freer mechanism for access to funds. The position will be presented to the Friends at their Feb. 16 meeting with the goal of reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution of this situation. The position will be communicated to Commissioners prior to the Friends meeting.

IX. Task Force Reports

A. Education

1. "Salute To Women" - Commissioners discussed the results of the banquet evaluation meeting on Jan. 14. A full report of that evaluation meeting was distributed and is available in the Commission office.

Commissioners decided to suggest to the Friends that the 1988 awards banquet be held in the western end of the county.

2. Women's History Project - Staff
The plans for the Women's History Luncheon have been confirmed:

date: Saturday, March 19
time: 12 noon
location: Holiday Inn, Ventura
cost: \$14 per person
speaker: Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, feminist author,
historian, and lecturer

Reservations can be made by sending a check payable to the Women's History Project, 2661 Tanglewood Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010.

Community organizations are invited to be co-sponsors. The Erica Neville Memorial Alice Paul award will be presented at the luncheon.

3. Women in Agriculture - Karen Flock

The members of the Women in Agriculture committee finalized a mission statement for their committee. They have agreed to support a conference being organized by the Clinicas del Camino Real, "Conference de la Salud Para La Mujer y La Familia", a conference on health issues for women and families.

The third annual Women in Agriculture Forum is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22.

M/S/P, Flock/Estrada: to send a letter to the Chairman of the Board of Riverbend Farms, owner of Rancho Sespe, to allow families currently living at Rancho Sespe to remain until new replacement housing is completed.

B. Child Care

M/S/P, Hubbell/Warrington: to allow free copies of the KISS brochure and the Proceedings of the Employers' Symposium on Child Care to individuals whose school projects are related to employer-assisted child care.

Commissioner Engel reported on activities by several organizations in the county to address the issue of employer assisted child care, including the County personnel office, Ventura Parks & Recreation Commission, Ventura Boys' & Girls' Club, and the County Superintendent of Schools office.

C. Family Law Task Force - Susan Witting

A report was presented on final plans for the Family Law Forum scheduled for Feb. 6. at the Thousand Oaks Library. The Commission had requested up to \$500 be available from the Friends for the forum. The Friends approved up to \$200. The presentations will be videotaped.

D. Housing Task Force - Karen Flock

The members of this task force will take an extended tour on Feb. 25 of Housing Authority and other affordable housing projects in the county. The Housing Authority has now taken over ownership of the Meiners Oaks low-income housing project. It has 34 units.

XI. Committee Reports

A. No Legislative Analysis committee report.

B. Legislative Roundtable - Dot Engel

The Roundtable will meet on Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m., Camarillo Library. Commissioner Jean Harris will be the guest speaker on the topic of "How to Communicate Effectively With Your Legislator."

C. Communications - Zora Kirby

Ms. Kirby reported on the publicity already done for the Family Law Forum. The next Commission newsletter will report on the forum, as well as feature the Women's History Luncheon.

XII. Unfinished Business

A discussion of proposed bylaws changes was postponed to the Feb. 20 meeting.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The Feb. 20 meeting will be at the PSSA Building, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, at 9 a.m.