

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

MARCH 11, 1989

HOLIDAY INN, VENTURA

District 1

Lauren Anderson
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Katie Reeder

District 2

Diane Doria

Anita Garaway
Susan H. Witting

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Laura Espinosa
Naomi Kohl
Kathy Long

District 4

Dorothy J. Engel
Teresa Godinez

District 5

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Eliza Thomas

Commission Staff

Bonnie M. Warrington
Tiffiney B. Lewis

- I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Co-chair Karen Flock.

II. Commissioners Present

Lauren Anderson, Ventura
Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks
Laura Espinosa, Santa Paula
Karen Flock, Ventura
Teresa Godinez, Moorpark
Jean Harris, Oxnard
Naomi Kohl, Camarillo
Kathy Long, Camarillo
Terri Simonson, Ojai
Eliza Thomas, Oxnard
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks

Commissioners Absent

*Anita Garaway, Thsnd. Oaks
*Shirley Jewett, Simi Valley
*Katie Reeder, Oxnard

EXCUSED:

Staff:

Bonnie Warrington, Admin.Aide
Tiffiney Lewis, Clerk

Guests: Noriko Fukada and Ayn Iida, foreign exchange college students from Kumimoto, Japan. Noriko and Ayn are staying with Commissioner Terri Simonson and her husband for one month.

- III. M/S/P, Simonson/Anderson, to approve the Minutes of February 11, 1989 with the following correction. VII. A. (Last sentence) The final version of the contract will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval after review by County Counsel.

IV. Executive Committee Recommendations

A. Women Helping Women Forum topics

Educational forum suggestions are to be submitted by March 29, in writing for final determination. M/S/P, Simonson/Anderson, to approve this recommendation.

- B. Commissioner Orientation - Bonnie Warrington will conduct orientation which will follow the May CFW meeting. Notice will be forthcoming with details of a potluck luncheon. M/S/P, Simonson/Anderson, to approve this recommendation.

- C. The Executive Committee has recommended the appointment of Commissioner Anita Garaway as the Domestic Violence Monitor for the West Ventura County shelter. M/S/P, Engel/Anderson, to approve the recommendation.

V. There was no public comment.

VI. Financial Report Dot Engel
Commissioner Engel reported that 69% of the fiscal year has elapsed with 47% expended in the object 1000 account (Salaries and Employees Benefits) and 22% expended in the object 2000 account (Services and Supplies). Organizational total expended is 41%.

Terri Simonson reported on a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding "Net Cost Savings" measures. Bonnie Warrington is to research and report to Dot Engel.

Commissioner Engel has instructed Bonnie Warrington to look into the ways and means of being reimbursed for gasoline expenses incurred while attending the Child Care Conference in Long Beach.

VII. Correspondence Report Susan Witting
A. Letter received from the National Association of Commission for Women requesting a representative from the Ventura County Commission for Women to be present at the March 25, 1989 planning committee meeting. These meetings are continuous in preparation for the NACW 1990 Convention to be held in Los Angeles. Representatives from VCCW will be Commissioner Jean Harris and Bonnie Warrington, Administrative Aide.

VIII. Staff Report Bonnie Warrington
M/S/P, Engel/Anderson, Staff to write a letter of support for the Simi Valley Adult Education grant application.

IX. Task Force Reports

A. Child Care Task Force Dot Engel
Simi Valley Child Care Council formation meeting: Supervisor Jim Dougherty has mailed invitations for this meeting to be held on March 30, from 3-5 p.m.. at the Simi Library.

A meeting regarding SB 722 implementation will take place on a date to be determined, possibly at the Ventura County Government Center. Doris Mechanik is working with Senator Gary Hart's office and has asked the VCCW to co-sponsor this project.

M/S/P, Simonson/Harris to co-sponsor the Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council.

Ventura City Council met March 6 to consider recommendations made by the Ad Hoc committee on Child Care chaired by Carole Green. The Ventura City Council accepted the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee: Phase I and II (alternative #1 and alternative #2 which is complimentary to #1). Responsibility for implementation given to Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Engel thanked the Commission for sending her as a representative of VCCW to the Child Care Conference in Long Beach. Very valuable information was received.

B. Education Task Force

Salute to Women

Terri Simonson

Commission Simonson reported that County Counsel has approved the final proposal between Koranda-Berry Enterprises and the Salute to Women Banquet Committee. The committee will now proceed with banquet planning.

M/S/P, Harris/Witting, to approve signators Karen Flock, Lauren Anderson, Terri Simonson and Dot Engel to be on the Salute to Women Awards Banquet account at Mercury Savings.

C. Women's History Project

Naomi Kohl

Commissioner Kohl indicated that at the last meeting attended, it was said that the committee was in need of more nominations for the awards next year. Commission involvement needs to begin much sooner if the Commission intends to co-sponsor again.

D. Women Helping Women Task Force

Karen Flock

Commissioner Flock reiterated the recommendation of the Executive Committee in Item IV. A. 1.

E. Domestic Violence

A proposal was submitted by Commissioner Teresa Godinez on Abused Children at Report Card Time. Discussion included the idea of distribution of "Cool-It Tips" with report cards or in information distributed by the schools such as newsletters.

M/S/P, Simonson/Anderson, that approval be given on the draft of what has been discussed and presented by Commissioner Godinez on the "Cool It Tips" concept.

This concept will be presented to the 12th district PTA Council by Commissioner Godinez. Preparation of a pamphlet and letter to be presented to the PTA Council and the County of Ventura Self-Esteem sub-committee will be brought to the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Dot Engel suggested that a pilot program begin in Moorpark.

F. Family Law Forum

Susan Witting

The Family Law Forum is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 1989 contingent on availability of location which has not yet been determined.

Forum topics will be as follows:

1. Preliminary Considerations in Divorce Process
2. What is Community Property?
3. Your Right to child and Spousal Support
4. Support Enforcement
5. The Right of Children to Independent Counsel in a Divorce.
6. Mediation

- X. Old Business
Commissioner Engel brought a videotape on Child Care that is available for view for whomever is interested.
- XI. New Business
M/S/P, Witting/Anderson to accept with regret the resignation of Commissioner Miriam Albert, Supervisor Madge Schaefer, District 2.
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Commission for Women meeting has been changed to April 15, 1989 at the Camarillo Daily News building. M/S/P, Simonson/Anderson.

Orientation to be held following the May Commission Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.