

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MINUTES

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- I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Co-chair Lauren Anderson.
- II.

<u>Commissioners Present</u> Lauren Anderson, Ventura Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks Laura Espinosa, Santa Paula Karen Flock, Ventura Teresa Godinez, Moorpark Shirley Jewett, Simi Valley Naomi Kohl, Camarillo Katie Reeder-Punzal, Oxnard Sandy Ryder, Camarillo Teresa Simonson, Ojai Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks	<u>Commissioners Absent</u> *Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks Tila Estrada, Oxnard Jean Harris, Oxnard *Excused <u>Staff</u> Bonnie Warrington *Linda Henry
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- Guests Martha Baskerville, Women's History Project
JoAnne L. Moore, Planned Parenthood

Laura Espinosa, new appointee from Supervisor Maggie Erickson's District 3 was introduced and welcomed by the Commission.
- III. M/S/P, Simonson/Jewett that the Minutes of January 1989 be approved as submitted.
- IV. Financial Report - Karen Flock
The financial report indicates that 61% of the fiscal year has elapsed with 40% expended from the 1000 category (Salaries and Employees Benefits) and 17% expended from the 2000 account (Services and Supplies). A complete printout of the report is available at the Commission office.
- V. Correspondence Report - Susan Witting
A complete copy is on file in the Commission office. It was M/S/P Ryder/Witting that a letter be sent to the news media relative to the Commission for Women's involvement with the Women's History Project stating the facts of the project's history in Ventura County. Executive Secretary, Susan Witting will write the letter. Commissioner Simonson abstained from the vote. Letters of resignation received from Tila Estrada and Sandra Ryder, which were accepted with regret.

VI. Public Comment

Jo Anne Moore, Ventura County Executive Director of Planned Parenthood made a brief presentation outlining the work of the agency at the two county locations and the variety of health care services that are available. Patient fees are the only source of financial support and these are set up on a sliding scale for broad based affordability.

Martha Baskerville, President of the Women's Equity Coalition made a brief statement giving the background of the Women's History Project in Ventura County and the initial establishment of the co-sponsorship with the Commission for Women.

VII. Task Force and Committee Reports

A. Education Task Force

Salute to Women - Terri Simonson

The date for the 1989 "Salute to Women" awards banquet is tentatively set for October 26 pending the coordination of speaker schedules. M/S/P, Flock/Simonson, to submit the contract to County Counsel for review. The final version of the contract will be brought to the Commission for Women at the March meeting for approval.

B. Child Care Task Force

The report was presented by Dot Engel on the recent action taken by the Board of Supervisors relative to day care for county employees. It was recommended that Hui Ling Tanouye be sent a letter of commendation for her role in chairing the task force which presented the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. M/S/P, Engel/Punzal. It was also recommended that a copy be directed to and placed in her personnel file.

Simi Valley Child Care Council. A meeting was held with Supervisor Dougherty who will host the formation meeting on March 30, 1989.

Notation that during the Creative Options seminars on March 4, 1989 at Cal Lutheran University, a workshop will be presented by Naomi Finkel on Employer Assisted Child Care.

On the recommendation of the Child Care Task Force Chair, Dot Engel and Commission concurrence, Bonnie Warrington, Administrative Aide will accompany the Chair to attend the Southern California Conference on Child Care in Long Beach on March 2 and 3, 1989.

C. Women's History Project

An update was presented jointly by Naomi Kohl, CFW liaison and Martha Baskerville, Women's Equity Coalition. The committee to select the awardees will include Commissioners Shirley Jewett and Naomi Kohl who will meet with the Women's Equity Coalition on February 14, 1989. The regular CFW meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Ventura preceding the luncheon. Persons desiring to set up display booths are advised to arrive by 8:30 a.m.

- D. Women Helping Women Task Force
Presented by Katie Reeder-Punzal. Discussion was held relative to the format needed to provide information on a broad base to the greatest number of women. This could be done in the forum format covering such subject areas as Family Law, Agriculture and Industry, Child Care, Housing Assistance and information. Tentatively, the Family Law Forum was scheduled around the end of April or early May 1989. M/S/P, Punzal/Witting to approve in concept, four forums, one each to be held quarterly.
- E. Women in Agriculture
Report given by Karen Flock noted that the UCSB survey is presently being taken in the Ventura County.
- F. Housing
Report given by Karen Flock. M/S/P, Flock/Engel, to reaffirm the housing network advocacy role by CFW in Ventura County. This group will continue to have their official contact with agencies in this advocacy network.

VIII. New Business

Consensus was given to co-sponsor the Single Parenting Conference in Simi Valley in conjunction with the Simi Valley Unified School District on May 15, 1989, at Sequoia Jr. High School.

The Commission for Women accepted with regret, the resignation of Sandra Smith Ryder. Ms. Ryder was one of the original Commissioners and has served in many leadership roles within the Commission. The most recent being Co-chair. She has been promoted and transferred to the corporate office of General Telephone in Dallas, Texas. Co-chair Lauren Anderson presented her with a plaque noting her contributions and many years of service to the Ventura County Commission for Women.

Commissioner Karen Flock was nominated and elected to become the new Co-chair. Commissioner Dot Engel was nominated and elected to become the new Finance Officer/Treasurer.

Teresa Godinez made a brief presentation relating to a proposal to reduce REPORT CARD STRESS through messages sent home to the parents urging compassion and understanding about their children's grades. This proposal will hopefully stop abusive incidents that occur at report card time. A full proposal will be presented to the Commission for consideration at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission for Women will be held at 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Ventura. Immediately following the meeting, the Annual Women's History Luncheon and program will be held. Advance reservations are required.

The Executive Committee will meet on March 1, 1989 at 5:30 p.m. at Marie Callender's in Camarillo.