

VCCW RETREAT MINUTES

July 13, 2002

Las Posas Country Club

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COMMISSIONER'S ATTENDING: Cindi Love, Diana Goodrow, Cecilia Fargo, Lynn Engelbert, Cynthia York, Sharon Hillbrant, Joan Adams, Etta Gillivan, Bonnie Warrington, Lori Zafirooulos, Jan Lawrence, Bea Gan, Ruth Ann McAllister, Ina Howard

COMMISSIONER NOT ATTENDING: Beverly Viola

MEETING: The next business meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. on August 3, 2002, at the Fitzgerald Center located at 401 Hodencamp Road, Moorpark. Take the Moorpark Rd. exit, turn Right on Hillcrest Drive, then left at the stop light (Hodencamp). The building is down one block on the left. If anyone has a problem with directions, please call Lynn Engelbert.

GUEST FACILITATOR: Hon. Joe D. Hadden, Ret.

Each Commissioner answered the questions:

1. Who are you?
2. Why do you think you are here ?
3. What is the greatest problem women face in this County?
4. What great thing would you like to change for women in this County?

Our Answers: (random, not in any particular order)

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| 1. Concentrate on Aging Women                  | 26. Ability to Move On |
| - Safety Net                                   | 27. Funds              |
| - Caregivers                                   |                        |
| 3. Domestic Violence                           |                        |
| 4. Affordable Housing                          |                        |
| 5. Decent jobs and wages                       |                        |
| 6. Day care, clothing, food                    |                        |
| 7. Pass the Women's Bill of Rts.               |                        |
| 8. Support from agencies                       |                        |
| 9. Networking                                  |                        |
| - Communication                                |                        |
| - Joint meetings                               |                        |
| 10. Transportation                             |                        |
| 11. Accessing Resources                        |                        |
| 12. Education                                  |                        |
| - Training/ Vocational etc.                    |                        |
| - Life Skills                                  |                        |
| 13. Health                                     |                        |
| - Children, families, mental, physical, etc.   |                        |
| 14. Empowering                                 |                        |
| 15. Child Support Enforcement                  |                        |
| 16. Businesses facilitating child care options |                        |

17. Feminization of Poverty
18. Affordable Health Care
19. Teen Pregnancy
20. Confidence Building
21. Woman to Woman tolerance
22. Changing Women's self-image/ self confidence
23. Giving Women a support system (similar to good old boys)
24. Make a difference to Women
25. Mentoring – Direction

We broke into four groups – our task was to create the banner that would appear across the Ventura City Hall Building if it were to become a VCCW building. Ideas

Group I

- Women United
- Women Building Better Lives
- Women with Hands United

Group II

- Women Caring for Women
- Women's Connection
- All About Women

Group III

- Moving On To Empowerment
- Women Empowering Women

Group IV

- Women: empower, energize, & enrich
- Women: Network, nurture, & new horizons

After some discussion, the group liked **WOMEN; ENCOURAGE, EDUCATE , EMPOWER**

PROJECTS

After adopting the concepts of **ENCOURAGE, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER** as what we stand for, we went on to discuss how the message can get out to Ventura County Women and utilization of TANF funds. The following is a list of ideas and the order of priority for expending funds

1. VCCW PROJECT - **WEB SITE** –  
Est. Cost for start up and 1 year maintenance \$ 3000
2. VCCW PROJECT – **NEWSLETTER**  
Estimated annual cost \$ 1500

3. VCCW PROJECT – **SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN**  
- Proposed Project outline (Joan) part of handout \$ 1000
4. VCCW PROJECT – **HANDYWOMAN'S WORKSHOP**  
- Proposed Project outline part of handout \$ 5000
5. VCCW PROJECT - **LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**  
- Proposed Project outline part of handout \$ 5000
6. VCCW PROJECT - **WOMEN/S HEALTH FAIRE**  
- Bea made a presentation and estimate \$11,000
7. VCCW PROJECT – **RESOURCE ROAD SHOW**  
- The concept is to get information out to Women in  
Different geographic areas as to the resources available in their  
Location. \$ 2000
8. VCCW OR PARTNERING – **INTERFACE VIDEO**  
Lori presented the idea and some details  
Ie. partner with Sant Suzanna High School  
Skit – *Have you seen Tonja* \$ 750
9. PARTNER – **WOMEN'S ECONOMIC JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM**  
(CAUSE) \$ 500
10. PARTNER – **COALITION TO END D.V. – STEP** program \$ 5000  
Handout -Diana submitted written proposals from this group
11. PARTNER - **PLANNED PARENTHOOD** \$ 3000  
Handout -Diana submitted written proposal from this group
12. PARTNER – **GIRL'S CIRCLE** \$13,000  
Handout – Diana submitted written proposal from this group
13. PARTNER - **EL CONCILIO**  
Handout – Diana submitted written proposal from this group \$14,957

#### FEASIBILITY COMMITTEES

After discussion, it was decided that we would form groups to do feasibility studies.. The assigned groups are as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT – Cynthia, Bonnie, Ruth Ann & Lori

SCHOLARSHIP– Lynn, Ruth Ann, Joan & Ina

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – Joan, Lori, Diana, Cecilia

HANDYWOMAN WORKSHOP – Cindi, Etta, Bea, Cynthia

RESOURCE ROAD SHOW – Lynn will write up the proposal

INTERFACE/VIDEO – Lori, Cindi, Cynthia

HEALTH FAIRE – Bea, Diana, Ruth Ann (?) Sharon & Jan

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Cecilia, Etta, Joan, Cindi, Cynthia & Sharon

- Brochure – Cindi & Etta
- Web Site - Cindi and Cynthia
- Newsletter – Cecilia, Joan, Etta

The Feasibility Committees have been directed to meet and report back if not at the August meeting, for the September meeting.

All Commissioners are to read the Partnering Proposals submitted by Diana for discussion. After it is determined which projects the commission will undertake and the cost, it will then determine any monetary contribution to other entities. It was suggested that we make equal contributions rather than different sums to different agencies.

#### MOU UPDATE:

Jordana Tellus, the liason for the MOU has resigned her position and we won't be working with her.

Barbara Fitzgerald will bring us in under the ASA umbrella and the Dept. of Human Services will administer the funds.

We are somewhat back to square one with the MOU and are “under the gun” to get the budget estimates prepared.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Receipts - If you have any receipts for bills that have been paid, give the information to Lori so she can obtain reimbursement from the MOU funds (providing the expense qualifies)

Office: Lori reports that Pam Grothe (she works for Barbara Fitzgerald) is working on a location and phone hookup for our office which had been involuntarily moved

Resignation: -Lori has been informed that Beverly Viola will be submitting her resignation. She is pursuing her docent opportunity at the Getty. She will be missed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M.