



# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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### Minutes –June 13, 2009

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A regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held in the Commission office at the Human Services Agency, 4601 Telephone Rd., Suite 201, Ventura, on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m., followed by her reading of the VCCW Mission Statement.

**Commissioners present:** Chair Janet Barron, Treasurer Nancy Lee Phillips, Recording Secretary Carmen Hurd, Corresponding Secretary, Shante Morgan Durisseau, Lee Riggan, Diana Goodrow, Ina Howard, Suzi Caron, Elvia Quizar, Debbie DeVries and Jan Lawrence. The Chair declared quorum was present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The June agenda was accepted without changes.

**Public Comment:** Chair Barron introduced the two guests who came to the meeting to observe: Lori Brown and Judy Nutter. Lori is a graduate student from California Lutheran University and Judy is from Thousand Oaks and recently retired. Both expressed their desire to participate and learn of future commission projects and networking with other women organizations.

**Consent Calendar:** Correction of typo error on the adjournment time for April minutes from 11:31 PM to 11:31AM. Correction on May minutes to reflect that Norma Maidel was commission guest in the April meeting. Without further corrections, April and May minutes were approved and adopted. Treasurer reported that all checks cleared. Consent calendar was approved and accepted as amended.

#### Correspondence/Communications

Email: from Ventura County Democratic Party –calendar of events

- Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) invite to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual celebration on June 20th at the Oxnard Performing Arts, Hobson Way. Admission is free.

Mail:

- May-August 2009 newsletter from Ventura County Community Foundation for distribution.
- Postal Service box rental payment notice.

Telephone Messages:

- Kelly Jenkins Folk - Dept of Labor Women Bureau requesting update on VCCW's funding, staffing, etc. Data to be used for study of all commissions.
- Bob Laza has recommendation for guest speaker.
- Mary Abler, associate professor of English at CSUCI was interested in volunteer opportunities.

Commission break : 10:00am – resumed : 10:30am

**Committee Reports:**

- Response to Hugh Ralston's email for scheduled meeting was brought up. Suggestions from the floor to discuss the details of the response at the committee level and present it to the commission meeting for approval.
- Chair Barron called for commissioners to break for five minutes to decide who will go to the executive committee and other subcommittees.
- Ad Hoc "Flowers Aren't enough" committee members: E. Guizar, S. Caron, S. Durisseau, D. DeVries and J. Barron will meet after the meeting
- Project Planning Updates/Changes – tabled for September.
- Website/Email System-tabled for August
- D. Goodrow reported on ACCW meeting held at LAX on May 30, 2009. Participating commission agreed to share best website practices to produce improve outreach and monitoring of women and girls' economic status.
- **Discussion/Information**
- J. Barron will follow-up with Roberta Rodriguez for response from County Counsel regarding the women's forum.
- Question to Beth Sutherland regarding future project of Women's Expo Event in Ventura County. Miss Sutherland appreciates VCCW comments and participation, but unsure of future schedule due to cost of putting such an event.
- J. Lawrence will give update at next commission meeting on roles and benefits of membership with other organizations: CAWA, ACCW & NACW

**Action items:**

- Approved the commission meeting day from 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, starting time similarly was changed from 9:00AM to 9:30AM
- Language for the public to address the commission on the agenda items was approved with changes reflected on the July agenda.
- By-Laws update on framework and focus was tabled for September '09
- Moved to participate as "Ambassadors" to the 2010 Census Partnership event.

**Meeting adjourned:** 12: 00pm

- **Next meeting:** 9:30am, July 13, 2009 at the Commission Office, Ventura

Approved as: Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_

Carmen S. Hurd, Recording Secretary