

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1987

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Commission for Women was held at the Sheraton Ventura Hotel and was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Co-Chair Arleen Rosenfield.

II. Commissioners Present:

Miriam Albert
Lauren Anderson
Dot Engel
Tila Estrada
Karen Flock
Lillian Goldman
Brook Hubbell
Zora Kirby
Arleen Rosenfield
Sandy Ryder
Meredith Thomas-Sheehan
Bonnie Warrington
Martha S. White

Guests Present:

Ginny Connell, Friends
Lorraine Irvine, "Open the Book" reading program
Carole Doty-Kloepfel, CAHV
Gail Langner, CAHV
Ruth Foley,
Administrative Assistant
to Supervisor Madge Schaefer

The Commission welcomed two new members, Miriam Albert and Zora Kirby, both of Thousand Oaks. They were appointed by Supervisor Madge Schaefer, District 2.

- III. The minutes of the January 17, 1987 meeting were accepted as submitted.

- IV. No public comment.

- V. Financial Officer Martha White reported that as of January 30, 1987 61% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 37% of Level 1 funds (salaries and benefits) expended, 53% of Level 2 funds (services and supplies) expended, 99% of Level 4 funds (computer) expended for an organization total of 47% expended.

- VI. A copy of the correspondence report is available from the Commission office.

- VII. Administrative Aide Martha Baskerville submitted a written staff report covering the agenda for the Tri-County meeting, the Women's History Luncheon, the NACW Region IX Conference scheduled for April 24-26 in Culver City, the California Commission on the Status of Women survey results, monthly update, and Summary of New Laws (1986) Affecting Women.

Copies of the report are available from the Commission office. Special note was made of, and appreciation expressed for, the Friends' purchase of dBase III+ software and 2 font cartridges for the Commission's office computer.

VIII. Friends of the Commission - no report.

IX. Task Force Reports

A. Education

Commissioner Lauren Anderson will be the new chair of this task force. Former member of the Commission Ginny Connell headed this task force and continues to be an active volunteer. She reported that plans are underway for a workshop to develop effective ways to use the United Way study report "Springboard for Action: A Summary of Human Service Resources and Needs in Ventura County."

1. "Salute To Women"

A meeting was held on February 7 in Camarillo which all Commissioners had been encouraged to attend. Those present finalized the categories to be used for 1987 "Salute To Women" awards and wrote descriptive definitions of the categories. A memo was sent to all Commissioners, followed by a telephone poll to determine acceptance of categories and definitions. Categories are: The Arts, Business, Community Service, Education, Law, Media, Science/Health, Outstanding Young Woman.

2. The "Women In Agriculture" Forum Committee

A forum has been scheduled for May 30. There will be a keynote addressing farm families, and four workshops on: Immigration, Education (upgrading skills), Raising Children, Health and Safety.

3. Women's History Project

Letters have been sent to the Board of Supervisors, city councils and school districts asking them to proclaim March 1987 as Women's History Month.

The Community College District has scheduled women's history activities on each campus including films, performances and lectures. A special event is

scheduled for Friday, March 20, 12:30 p.m. at Ventura College, outdoor stage: "Women and Government" with county supervisors Maggie Erickson, Susan Lacey and Madge Schaefer.

Also scheduled, as the wrap-up to Women's History Month 1987, is an appearance by Betty Freidan: "The Wo(men)'s Movement: The Second Stage", 7:30 p.m., March 25, Ventura Holiday Inn, tickets \$10. Tickets are available from each community college.

B. Housing - Karen Flock

1. Members of the Housing Task Force are concerned about discrimination against single mothers in their attempts to rent one-bedroom apartments.

M/S/P Flock: to send a letter to the Boards of Realtors asking their assistance in preventing discrimination against single mothers, and their assistance in processing complaints when discrimination does occur, and to include in the letter that the Commission for Women will be conducting education on renters' rights.

Commissioners agreed the Housing Task Force should investigate renter's rights and remedies for discrimination and to conduct education on the issues.

2. The Networking for Housing in Ventura County Coalition is an advocate for new resources for affordable housing. The Coalition is seeking Community Development Block Grant funds from the county as well as from each city to establish a Revolving Loan Fund for predevelopment expenses of low income housing.

M/S/P Flock, Estrada: to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and individual cities supporting the Networking for Housing in Ventura County proposal to establish a Revolving Loan Fund for affordable (low-income) housing.

3. The Networking for Housing in Ventura County Coalition is formalizing its membership and will require a \$50 membership fee.

M/S/P Flock, Estrada: to approve formal membership in the Networking for Housing Coalition at a \$50 annual fee.

C. Divorced Women/Single Head of Household -
Bonnie Warrington

A written report was submitted stating that Commissioner Warrington is closely following the situation regarding the staffing level of the Child Support Division of the District Attorney's Office.

M/S/P to authorize Commissioner Warrington to send a letter of support, should it be necessary, for full staffing of the District Attorney's Child Support Division and to have Commissioners present at the Board of Supervisors' meeting, and, if appropriate, to make a public comment of appreciation for recognizing the importance of the Child Support Divisions' staffing level.

The initial 90 day trial period for evening hours in the Child Support Division for the purpose of receiving payments was successful and has been continued on Monday evenings, 5-7 p.m. by appointment only.

D. Employer-Assisted Child Care - Brook Hubbell
will be the new task force chair. Former commission member and task force chair, Marlene Alexander, will continue to participate. Plans are underway to arrange regional mini-workshops for employers on this issue.

X. Committee Reports

A. Communications - Sandy Ryder

The goal is to develop a written communications plan which will target women's organizations in the county and lead to closer ties with them.

B. Legislative Analysis - Dot Engel

The Legislative Analysis Committee will discuss and report on AB 210 (Bates) Child Care and development services, AB 368 (Moore) fair employment and housing, Child Rearing Leave, SB 215 (Watson) Child Support, AB 113 (Molina) parents and children, AB 77 (Wyman) abortion for minors.

XI. Unfinished Business

Bylaws Revision

M/S/P Engel, Hubbell: to approve the bylaws as amended.

XII. New Business

- A. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Region IX Conference. The conference is scheduled for April 24-26, 1987 at the Pacifica Hotel in Culver City.
M/S/P Hubbell, Estrada: to send two representatives to the Region IX conference.
M/S/P Flock, Warrington: to elect Commission Co-Chairs Brook Hubbell and Arleen Rosenfield as delegates to the NACW Region IX Conference.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next Commission for Women meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. at the PSSA Senior Nutrition Program Conference Room, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.

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