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VCCW General Meeting

Minutes –January 17, 2011

A regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held at Camarillo Police Department, 3701 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010

Commissioner Chair Debra Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Commissioners present: Debra Bagley, Shanté Morgan-Durisseau, Ruth Funk, Carmen Hurd, Jan Lawrence, Nancy Lee Phillips and Lee Riggan.

- Agenda adopted: moved by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Durisseau. Comms. Goodrow and Riggan abstained. Riggan said she abstained because she had requested and expected the Standing Rules to be placed on the agenda as an action item. Comm. Bagley said it was an oversight. The commission agreed to move action items under Item #4.
- Treasurer's Report
- Consent Calendar approved moved by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Hurd. Motion Passed.
- Correspondence: Distributed

Action items:

- Comm. Phillips moved/Comm. Lawrence seconded motion to support annual VCRRN Roe vs. Wade event with a donation of \$35 for an information table. The commission voted 6-2 with Comm. Funk opposed because she is "pro-life" and Comm. Phillips opposed because she does not believe public agencies should support organizations like VCRRN. Comm. Lawrence said the issue VCRRN supports is a human rights issue and women should have choice.
- Comm. Goodrow moved/Phillips seconded to support an effort to create a Women's History Museum/monument in Washington, D.C. The motion passed 8-0.

Chair Report:

Commission Vacancies- Commissioner Bagley read the letters of resignation from Commissioners Janet Barron and Debbie DeVries. Comm. Goodrow recommended the chair write a letter to Comm. Guizar reminding her of her commitment to VCCW. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau recommended the commission draft guidelines and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors to assist in selecting individuals to appoint to the commission. Comm. Hurd agreed that commissioners should have certain attributes. Comm. Funk said she did not receive any kind background information about the commission or expectations. Comm. Lawrence recommended the commission put together a "welcome" packet of information about VCCW for candidates. Bagley said she will send an e-mail requesting suggestions for guidelines for appointing to the commission. The commission needs to place an item on next month's agenda to create a committee to create welcome packets for new commissioners.

Meeting Dates and Times – Commissioner Bagley clarified that the commission agreed to meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Comm. Riggan asked the chair to put together a calendar with meeting dates and goals for the balance of her term.

Committee Reports:

Status of Women and Girls Study – Morgan-Durisseau.

CSUCI Sociology Prof. Dennis Downey sent a letter to commission outlining plans to begin research on girls and women in Ventura County. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau requested commissioners send questions and or comments to submit to Professor Downey to answer.

Women's History Month/Proclamation – Hurd/Morgan-Durisseau.

Comm. Morgan-Durisseau has contacted Supervisor Linda Parks office to request a date for proclamation. The theme is "Our History is Our Strength." Commissioners Hurd and Riggan working with AAUW Thousand Oaks for March 12 event. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau will find out more information about CSUCI Women's Recognition Luncheon on March 29. Comm. Riggan/Goodrow recommended the commission distribute information about women's history at local libraries, etc.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Month – April – Comm. Morgan-Durisseau

Comm. Morgan-Durisseau expressed concern former Comm. Debbie DeVries had not returned telephone calls or e-mails requesting information about performance schedule. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau has been in contact with author Wendy Gladney about possible talk and book signing in lieu of "Dirty Little Secrets." Comm. Goodrow said she would contact former Comm. DeVries to clarify whether her group could participate.

Discussion/Information Items/Announcements –

- a. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau discussed events for California Women's Suffrage Centennial. It is a statewide campaign of organizations to end in a culmination event in Sacramento in October 2011. For more information visit, www.womensdaylive.com.
- b. Comm. Riggan suggested the commission contact the VC Chapter NAACP to discuss possible partnership to highlight a prominent African-American woman involved in the civil rights movement during February-Black History Month.

Upcoming Events

- Women's Forum Collaborative event "Organizing for Empowerment" on April 2, from 8 am to 3 pm at CSUCI.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Approved as Printed: _____ Corrected: _____

Shanté Morgan-Durisseau, Secretary