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MINUTES MARCH 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held Monday, March 25, 2013, in the Break Room of the County Offices at 4245 Market Street, Suite 204, Ventura, CA 93003. The Chair, Lee Riggan, called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and read the mission statement. The Recording Secretary, Diana Goodrow, was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Present were: Chair Lee Riggan, Vice Chair Kitty Dill, Recording Secretary Diana Goodrow, Corresponding Secretary Carmen Hurd, Shante Morgan Durisseau (7:05 p.m.), Debra Bagley (7:05 p.m.), Ina Howard (7:34 p.m.). A quorum was present.

PRESENT

Absent: Jan Lawrence, Nancy Lee Phillips, Ruth A. Funk, Ana Cristina Flores

Guests: Maggie Erickson Kildee, Susan K. Lacey, Ed Lacey, Paulla Ufferheide, Jan Harper, Jennifer Chapman, Beth Meyer-Frank, Sherry Cash

The Agenda was adopted by general consent.

AGENDA

There was no Public Comment

Proclamations for the Celebration of Women's History Month recognizing & acknowledging appreciation & for presentation this evening were given to

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- a. CSUCI Multicultural Program, for the Annual Women's Recognition Luncheon honoring women who foster growth and development of our community through leadership, services and dedication. The proclamation was received by Jennifer Chapman,
- b. Former Supervisors Susan Lacey (1980-2000) & Maggie Erickson Kildee (1980-1996), for their leadership and support in the establishment of VCCW in 1981, the Mothers of VCCW, and for their service and dedication to the people of Ventura County.

National Associations of Commissions for Women (NACW) Conference Presentation by Paulla Ufferheide & Jan Harper, Chair, of San Luis Obispo Commission for Women spoke to the Commissioners asking for our assistance with gaining contributions of gifts and gift bags as well as encouraging our attendance. VCCW was asked to seek contributions from local entities to contribute items for gift bags for an estimated 300 women from throughout the United States who will attend the NACW July 24-26, 2013 Conference to be held in San Jose. VCCW will be provided with the gift bag sponsorship letter to use in their solicitation efforts.

NACW CONFERENCE

It was moved by Carmen Hurd and seconded by Diana Goodrow to approve the Minutes of meetings of February 25, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Executive Officers Reports

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- a. No Treasurer's report was given.
- b. Corresponding Secretary, Carmen Hurd, reported
- c. Diana Goodrow, Recording Secretary & Ambassador & Legislative Reporter provided a written report on CAWA, RRN, ACCW, NACW, and California Commission on the Status of Women & Girls. Included in her report were the following:
 1. As delegate she attended the United Nations 57th Session Commission on the Status of Women Conference held in New York. She attended as a Board member of the Women's Intercultural Network. Six thousand women attended the Conference representing many NGOs from all over the world. Copies of the draft of the Agreed Conclusions of "The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls" was distributed to commissioners (advance unedited version).
 2. (ACCW) Association of California Commission for Women meeting of March 20, 2013 held by conference call announce the appointment of the new California Commission on the Status of Women & Girls director, Rebecca E. Blanton. The program for the NACW conference will include an Equal Pay Symposium and the WAGE Project helping women to negotiate equal pay through Social Media, and Women Veteran Group "Swords into Plowshares" will do a presentation emphasis outreach to Women Veterans. Sustainability of Commissions will also be addressed. The film "The Invisible War" will also be shown.
 3. VCWFC membership dues renewal was announced with \$25 dues requirement.
- d. Kitty Dill, Vice Chair & PR News Release, provided a written report on the news releases issued prior to the Tuesday, February 26 Board of Supervisors meeting entitled "Six CSUN Women help develop historic study on women & girls," which was sent to numerous CSUN sources, to CSUCI, to media sources, and given to Star reporter, Kathleen Wilson. She also reported on the Resolutions she crafted with the Chair and the need to update the VCCW website. Her report was included in the Meeting Packet.
 1. By general consent commissioners approved the news brief about upcoming VCCW meeting April 24th open to the public which will include a resolution presented to Soroptimist International of the Americas who sponsored "Stop Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery," a community event in March.



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2. By general consent commissioners approved a release about the study results with baton now being passed to various groups involved and the 206 top leaders who were the focus group participants.
- e. Lee Riggan, VCCW Chair 2011-2013 reported on the outcome of the Executive Committee meeting.

Committee & District Reports, Discussion, & Recommendations for Action the following:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Status of Women & Girls in Ventura County Committee, Shante Morgan Durisseau and Diana Goodrow discussed with commissioners the presentation and the planned agenda for the Joint VCCW/VCCF/WLF Community Conversations on to be held March 28, 2013 on the study findings and recommendations to community groups, for feedback on priorities for the Commission going forward. The meeting will be held at VCCF, 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo at 4 p.m. The Agenda must be POSTED 72 hours prior to the meeting.
 1. Plans for Further Distribution of the Study were discussed but no decision was made.
 2. By General Consensus approval of Submittal of Study to U.S. Library of Congress with funds drawn from grant was given as well as distribution at local libraries.
 3. By general consent approval was given for a News Release on Progress made so far on the Status Report, e.g. Received & Filed by Bd of Supervisors;
 4. By general consent approval was given for Placement on the VCCW website immediately by Nancy Lee Phillips with assistance of the Status of Women & Girls Committee.
 5. Chair Lee Riggan presented the idea of development of the goal(s)/recommendation for follow-up by VCCW, with one goal to be a "The Girls' Tour of County Departments & Legislators to identify career options." The goal received positive reception and will be brought back after further study
- b. By general Consent the Women's History Month Project Committee was adjourned with appreciation for job well done.
- c. Chair Lee Riggan reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee's Agenda Development (meeting of 3/18/13). A draft of the planned agendas through June was included in the meeting packet. The meetings of April & May will be held at the Police Department and a restaurant location in Oxnard is being considered for the June meeting.

Discussion:

DISCUSSION

- a. Commissioners discussed issuing proclamations at their meetings recognizing organizations for activities or accomplishments highlighting Women's History Month projects, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and other significant dates.
- b. Attendance at CSUCI Multicultural Program
- c. "Turn Off The Red Light" – One Women's mission to end sex trafficking in Ventura County – A Discussion. Soroptimist International member Sherry Cash will attend.
- d. Approve honoring Soroptimist International, Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo, & The Conejo at the April Meeting to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month. They conducted "Stop Human Trafficking & Sexual Slavery" (3/7/13)

Commissioners' Discussion, Information Items, Announcements & Future Agenda Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Debra Bagley reported on attending Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles and obtained copies for the Commissioners of the "Report on the Status of Women & Girls in California 2013."
- b. Commissioners Debra Bagley and Shante Morgan Durisseau reported on the "Run For Your Health 5 K Run to be held April 27, 8 a.m. to noon, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to raise scholarship funds.
 1. It was moved by Ina Howard and seconded by Diana Goodrow to sponsor a table/booth at the 5 K Run and to contribute \$25 for the cost. The motion passed.
- c. Commissioner Carmen Hurd reported on her daughter, Clarisa, and the unique operation she had in her fight against brain cancer.

Next VCCW Meetings will be:

NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Thursday, **March 28, 2013**, Community Conversation on Status of Women & Girls Study, VCCF 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo at 4 p.m. (Agenda will be posted)
- b. Monday, **April 22, 2013**, VCCW Regular Meeting at Camarillo Police Department, 3701 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010 at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Diana Goodrow moved and it was seconded by Ina Howard to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. By unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by
Diana Goodrow
Recording Secretary

Approved as
Printed/Corrected
on _____