

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

APRIL 16, 1988

School Conference Facility, Camarillo Airport

- I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Co-chair Sandra Ryder at 9:05 a.m.
 - II. Commissioners Present:
Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks
Lauren Anderson, Ventura
Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks
Karen Flock, Ventura
Lillian Goldman, Camarillo
Jean Harris, Oxnard
Sandra Ryder, Camarillo
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks
 - Commissioners Absent:
Tila Estrada, Oxnard
Brook Hubbell, excused
Zora Kirby, excused
Bonnie Warrington, excused
Martha White, excused
 - Staff Present:
Martha Baskerville
 - Guests Present:
Pat Ehret
Darlene Packer
Vicki Bortolussi
Lyn MacConnami
Diane Koranda
 - Commissioners Absent:
Diane Moore
Barbara Derryberry
Cathy Garnica
Ruth Hemming
May Lee Berry
- III. The Minutes of March 19, 1988 were approved as submitted.
 - IV. No public comment.
 - V. Financial Report - Karen Flock
As of March 25, 1988, 77% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 46% of level 1000 funds expended (salaries) and 57% of level 2000 funds expended (services & supplies), for an organization total of 48% expended.
 - VI. A copy of the correspondence report is available in the VCCW office.
 - VII. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville
Staff requested timely completion of all sections of the Annual Report for 1987-88. Deadlines and writing assignments were discussed.

Re: FY '88-'89 budget: in the 5% budget reduction plan required by the CAO, PSSA is proposing the elimination of the Commission's budget unit, which would eliminate all county funding for office support for the Commission.

Commissioner Albert expressed a desire to investigate procedures for a long-term goal of securing a state mandate for commissions for women.

VIII. Friends of the Commission

Friends Director Dixie Adeniran has resigned from the Board of the Friends.

IX. Task Force Reports

A. Education

1. Women's History Project - Martha Baskerville, staff
The Women's History Project luncheon was a total success with many positive comments from the participants regarding the organization of the event and the program.

An interim financial report on the March 19 Women's History Project luncheon showed a net income of \$1,036.76. A final report will be available by the next Commission meeting. Proceeds from the luncheon go to the Women's History Project of Ventura County, a joint project of the Commission for Women and the Women's Equity Coalition, to support future women's history projects and activities.

2. Women in Agriculture - report deferred.

3. Pay Equity Project - report deferred.

B. Child Care - Dot Engel

The County Board of Supervisors have approved, in concept, employer-assisted child care for employees, including care for mildly-ill children. The Personnel Dept. has been authorized to conduct an employee needs assessment regarding child care and report to the Board.

- C. Family Law Task Force - report deferred.

- D. Housing Task Force - report deferred.

- E. Counseling - report deferred.

X. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Analysis

Commissioner Harris provided information on several state bills related to education issues.

M/S/P, Harris, Engel: to support the following legislative bills:

AB 48 ((O'Connell)) would enact the School Facilities Bond Act of 1988, which would provide a bond issue not to exceed \$8 million for school construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of portable classrooms; (June 1988 ballot)

AB 2737 (Waters) would provide for a bond issue, the Youth Center and Youth Shelter Bond Act of 1988, for \$300 million to finance a program of youth centers and youth shelters and their programs; (November 1988 ballot)

AB 3148 (Cortese) would require the State Director of Health Services to incorporate into the Adolescent Family Life Program a pilot effort to link child care and parent education to its current case management program, and would appropriate \$42.5 million for state preschool and subsidized child care programs.

AB 3303 (Campbell) would appropriate \$25 million to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for home-to-school transportation services.

AB 4628 (Bader) would provide for a bond issue, the Schoolbus Safety Bond Act of 1988, for \$50 million to provide funds for local educational agencies for schoolbus replacement; (November 1988 ballot)

SB 2379 (Deddeh) would appropriate \$35 million for home-to-school transportation

AB 2708 (Hughes) would appropriate \$17 million to restore funding for School Improvement Programs (SIP funds)

There was a discussion of Proposition 71, the Government Spending Limitation and Accountability Act, and Proposition 72, The Paul Gann Spending Limit Improvement and Enforcement Act of 1988.

Commissioner Engel provided information on federal child care legislation, the Act for Better Child Care (ABC), (Senate bill 1885 and House 3660). These bills are linked to state bills; in California, SB 1758 (Torres), the Better Child Care Services Act. The ABC legislation calls for state plans for child care services with federal money to be matched by state funds. It would create a national advisory committee to develop child care standards. This would be a first step towards a national policy on child care.

AB 4039 (Hayden), Employer-Employee Child Care Act would make child care space an integral part of architectural plans for new and renovated large office buildings and would require larger businesses to offer their employees the opportunity to participate in the Dependent Care Assistance Program.

M/S/P, Engel, Anderson: to support the federal Act for Better Child Care and California AB 4039, the Employer-Employee Child Care Act of 1988.

B. Legislative Roundtable - report deferred.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Bylaws Committee - report deferred.

B. The May meeting will remain scheduled for Saturday, May 21, the Commission's regular meeting day.

C. Commissioner Engel reported that the committee established to investigate alternatives for a Salute to Women event or other fundraisers met with representatives of Koranda/Berry Enterprises. A written proposal was submitted by Koranda/Berry for planning an awards banquet. Diane Koranda made a verbal presentation on what Koranda/Berry could do for an awards banquet and answered questions from Commissioners.

M/S/P, Anderson, Goldman: to host a 1988 Salute to Women Awards banquet.

M/S/P, Engel, Albert: to agree that Koranda/Berry Enterprises would facilitate an awards banquet and that the Commission for Women will act quickly to present a proposal to the Board of Supervisors concerning arrangements for the event.

M/S/P, Witting, Engel: to send a letter informing the Friends that we will be hosting a 1988 awards banquet and advising them that the Commission will be needing the seed money they have already approved for that purpose.

M/S/P, Engel, Anderson: to open a Salute To Women bank account, after receiving County approval.

The account signers would be the Commission Co-Chairs, the secretary and the finance officer.

XII. New Business

A. M/S/P, Witting, Anderson: to co-sponsor, with the Camarillo Soroptimist, a panel discussion on sexual discrimination or harassment.

The event is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 17 in the Camarillo City Council Chambers. Commissioner Witting will be the Commission's liaison for this project.

- B. Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) - percentages of women in top administrative/management positions. There was a discussion of information which had been received from several of the women who are in mid-level management positions and one in a top level position within the VCCCD. Additional information was provided in person by Vicki Bortolussi and Barbara Derryberry regarding the VCCCD. Copies of reports were distributed: "Ethnic Minorities and Women in Faculty and Administrative Positions in Community Colleges," Annual Report on Affirmative Action, Feb. 1988, California Community Colleges, and Special Report from the American Council on Education, "The New Agenda of Women for Higher Education."

There is an under representation of women in administrative positions in the VCCCD. Women are 56% of VCCCD students, but are only 32% of the faculty and only 22% of administrators. Of the top 17 positions in the district, only one is filled by a woman.

M/S/P, Harris, Albert to send a letter to the VCCCD asking the members of the board of trustees to make a commitment to increase the number of women in administrative positions, with specific reference to current openings and to those positions filled on an "acting basis", with a copy to the State Chancellor's office.

- C. The commission declined to nominate a commissioner to fill a vacancy on the Friends' board.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. at the PSSA Bldg. 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.