

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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2220 Ventura Blvd, Camarillo

Saturday, March 21, 1987

## Minutes

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Commission for Women was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Co-chair Brook Hubbell.

II. Commissioners Present:

Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks  
Lauren Anderson, Ventura  
Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks  
Karen Flock, Ventura  
Brook Hubbell, Simi Valley  
Zora Kirby, Thousand Oaks  
Arleen Rosenfield, Ventura  
Meredith Thomas-Sheehan, Oxnard  
Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley  
Martha S. White, Oxnard  
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks

Commissioners Absent:

Tila Estrada, Oxnard  
Lillian Goldman, Camarillo  
Sandy Ryder, Camarillo

Guests Present:

Judy Wong  
Ginny Connell, Friends of  
the Commission  
Ann Marquardt, National  
Federation for Decency

The Commission welcomed Susan Witting, the newest appointee from District 2 Supervisor, Madge Schaefer. Ms. Witting is an attorney in Thousand Oaks. Much of her legal practice is in the area of family law.

- III. The Minutes of February 21, 1987 were accepted as submitted.
- IV. No public comment.
- V. Financial Report - staff  
As of February 27, 69% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 43% of Level 1000 funds (salaries and benefits) expended, 59% Level 2000 funds (services and supplies) expended, 98% Level 4000 funds (fixed assets - computer) expended for an organization total of 52% funds expended.
- VI. Correspondence Report - Bonnie Warrington  
A copy of the correspondence report is available from the Commission office. Attention was called to a letter from Assemblymember Tom Hayden regarding AB 3572 (child care) and a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding support for full staffing of the District Attorney's Child Support Division.
- VII. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville

- A. Funding has been requested for registration fees for 2 delegates to the NACW Region IX Conference.
  - B. Copies of the updated version of the brochure, "What Every Woman Should know and Do Before a Divorce Action Is Filed" will be sent to CAO Analyst Terry Dryer and to County Counsel for review.
  - C. Women's History Luncheon  
There were 192 paid reservations for the luncheon. Proceeds to the Women's History Project from the luncheon and from the sale of women's history month buttons plus donations come to \$369.40. The luncheon was very well received and only positive comments were heard. Co-chair Brook Hubbell expressed thanks and appreciation to Commission staff, Martha Baskerville and Alice Miller for their good work in arranging the luncheon.
- M/S/P Kirby, Witting: ask Miriam Albert to write a letter to the Thousand Oaks News Chronicle to clarify sponsors for the luncheon.
- D. Recently revised Bylaws will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
  - E. The request to include \$400 for Commissioner expenses in the 1987-88 budget will be submitted as a policy item.
  - F. Donations to support the women's history exhibit, "California Woman Suffrage 1870-1911," were invited.
  - G. Membership manuals were given to the three new appointees and manual update pages were distributed to others.

VIII. Friends of the Commission - Ginny Connell  
Former Commissioner Ginny Connell is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Commission. The Friends will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel. The 1987 "Salute To Women" Awards Banquet will be Thursday, October 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel.

IX. Task Force Reports

- A. Education Task Force - Lauren Anderson, Chair
  - 1. "Salute To Women" Awards nomination forms were distributed to Commissioners. Forms will be mailed in the March newsletter. The form includes descriptions of each category.



There was discussion of the community service award. This award category is for women who strive to improve the quality of life for people in their community. The Community Service category is open to nominations of those women who: are professionally employed in community service; or, are employed outside the home who volunteer time in community service; or, define their work as homemaker who are not employed outside the home and who participate actively in their community. A list of all past award recipients will be given to Commissioners.

2. Women's History Month Activities -  
Ginny Connell, Chair, Women's History Project  
Ms. Connell reported that Creative Options at Cal Lutheran was a successful day - it included the presentation of the Erica Neville Memorial Alice Paul Awards to educator, Jo Ellen Heil, and community activists Deanna Hackman and Ginny Connell.

American Association of University Women, Thousand Oaks Branch, made presentations on women in American history to all elementary schools in the Conejo Valley. Two schools in Simi Valley also had presentations.

Ms. Connell was invited to make a presentation at a women's history luncheon sponsored by the Federally Employed Women at Edwards Air Force Base where she showed the films, "How We Got the Vote" and "One Fine Day". The culminating event sponsored by the Ventura Community College District is an appearance by Betty Freidan on Wednesday, March 25, at the Holiday Inn, Ventura.

3. "Women In Agriculture" Forum - Karen Flock  
Ms. Flock reviewed plans for the forum scheduled for May 30. There will be four workshops: Immigration Issues, Education and Upgrading Skills; Raising Children; Health Issues, with a keynote on "Farm Families - Women's Strengths". A suitable location is still being sought.

- B. Housing Task Force - Karen Flock  
A letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors expressing support for the proposal from the Networking for Housing Coalition to establish a

revolving loan fund for affordable housing project pre-development expenses. In most cases, applicants to such a loan fund would be non-profit corporations and agencies.

Task force members are considering a brochure on discrimination against single parents.

- C. Divorced Women/Single Head of Household - Bonnie Warrington  
Reviewed her contacts with Stan Trom, Child Support Division, during the District Attorney's negotiations with the Board of Supervisors. A letter was sent to the Supervisors. (see correspondence report, item VI.)
- D. Employer Assisted child Care - Brook Hubbell  
Reviewed development of plans for regional mini-workshops.

For the past 2 years the Commission for Women has supported United Way's Child Care Task Force with active committee participation. Since the October 29, 1986 breakfast meeting for county CEO's there has been no forward action by United Way. The Commission will go forward in developing mini-work shops for employers on a regional basis. Supervisors will be asked to identify key contacts within their districts. Core groups of planners and volunteers will be trained in April. A Commissioner from each Supervisorial district will be asked to be a liaison between the Supervisor's office and the child care committee.

- X. Committee Reports
  - A. Communications - Meredith Sheehan

M/S/P; Sheehan, Anderson: to send a letter to county women's organizations along with a Commission for Women brochure, and newsletter with an offer to speak about the Commission for Women.

Commissioner Albert suggested that all future news releases include a statement that brochures and speakers are available from the Commission.

- B. Legislative Analysis - Dot Engel

M/S/P; Engel, Flock: to send a letter to local representatives, outlining legislative issues of interest to the Commission for Women, based on our 5-year plan and seeking sources of information on bills and issues.



M/S/P; Engel, Witting: to draft a letter to county women's organizations to see if there is interest in establishing a "legislative round table".

XI. No Unfinished Business.

XII. New Business

A. Committee assignments were reviewed. An updated list of task force and committee members will be prepared and mailed to Commissioners.  
Lauren Anderson will chair the "Salute To Women" Awards Committee.

B. M/S/P; Engel, Kirby: to purchase 20 copies of the California Journal 1987 Roster and Government Guide at \$.85 per copy.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The April meeting will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Public Social Services Agency building located at 2220 Ventura Blvd. in Camarillo.