

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
3161 Loma Vista Road
Ventura, California 93003

MINUTES
Saturday, April 20, 1985

I. Co-Chair Dot Engel called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ginny Connell
Julie Elliott
Dot Engel
Brook Hubbell
Mary Jane Johns
Mary Silverman
Martha White

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Louise Grethel
Candace Matson
Sandra Ryder

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Ray Clayton
Tila Estrada

GUESTS:

Lee Anderson, President of the Friends of the Commission
Bonnie Warrington, Vice President of the Friends
Sylvia Armita, Interface Community
Sylvia Preston, Child Development Resources

II. The Minutes of March 16, 1985 were accepted as submitted.

III. As of March 29, 77% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 61% of the budget expended.

IV. Executive Secretary's Report

Correspondence was received from:

- . Assemblyman Jack O'Connell with a summary of pending legislation.
- . Vicki Bortolussi, Women In Education, \$25 sponsorship for the newsletter.
- . Berta Steele re: the United Way Child Care Task Force.
- . Rita Regnier-Yvarra, 9to5 Ventura Working Women, re: the Needs Assessment survey.
- . State Commission on the Status of Women, information items and summaries of pending legislation.
- . Jo Ellen Heil re: participation as a Community Resource Woman for Women's History Week.
- . Sen. Dan McCorquodale re: legislation, S773, introduced by him.
- . Dept. of Education re: seminar for women educational leaders.

Correspondence was sent to:

- . Arline Hume, Oxnard, re: Needs Assessment
- . Sandra Burud & Associates re: her book, Employer-Supported Child Care: Investing in Human Resources.

- V. President of the Friends, Lee Anderson, reported that the dinner and program for the Needs Assessment Project was well received, fostered greater understanding of the Project and work of the Commission and generated donations to the Project.

The Friends Board of Directors voted to donate \$500 to the Needs Assessment.

Anderson and Commissioner Connell spoke at a meeting of the Soroptimist of the Conejo. Dixie Vollmer, Plug Nickel Restaurant in Thousand Oaks, in addition to making a donation, offered to help with publicity and information for the Friends and for the Commission.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Needs Assessment

Commissioner Connell

The random telephone survey to contact 500 women in different census tracts is in progress. The public hearing tapes are being transcribed. Follow-up calls are being made to agencies which received questionnaires.

The consultants will hold a separate meeting with each of the commissions involved in the needs assessment project; then a joint meeting of both commissions will be held to go over the raw data from the survey and work on the 5-yr. plan.

Saturday, May 18, 9am - 11:30 am will be the meeting for the consultants and the Commission for Women. This will be followed by a regular monthly business meeting for the Commission. Commissioners and others planning to attend should bring a sack lunch. Consultants will be asked to record the morning meeting.

The proposed date for the joint meeting with the Commission on Human Concerns is May 23, 7 pm, 255 S. Laurel, Ventura. That date needs to be confirmed.

Written recommendations on how to use the raw data should be in to Ginny Connell by May 24.

Fundraising for the Project continues. A mailing was sent to women's organizations in the county asking for contributions. The Women's Equity Coalition and Campaign for Economic Democracy will host a fundraiser on May 17. More information will be sent. Commissioners are encouraged to follow-up on the direct mailing by contacting the officers in their own and other organizations, and to arrange their own gatherings of friends and associates to raise funds.

B. Child Care Committee

Commissioner Hubbell conducted a training session for Employer-Assisted Child Care Presentation Teams. Present were Commissioners Silverman and Engel and volunteer Evelyn Brubaker. Hubbell has put together a packet of information for teams to use in interviews with employers.

Hubbell attended a conference on child care in Los Angeles arranged by the L.A. League of Women Voters. She reports that most of the action taking place in employer-assistance for child care has been started with public money as seed money.

Sylvia Preston, Child Development Resources, expressed the hope that efforts of Child Development Resources, the United Way Task Force on Child Care and the work of the Commission on employer-assisted child care would be coordinated and not duplicative.

9to5 Ventura Working Women recently presented awards to two companies acknowledging their outstanding attitude toward employees, evidenced by their assistance in child care. The companies are Lost Arrow (formerly Great Pacific Iron Works) and Vetco .

C. National Association of Commissions for Women Convention

Action: M/S/P to approve up to \$400 for registration fees for the NACW convention.

The amount needed will be determined by the number of Commissioners who can attend. Registration for the full convention is \$100 with reduced fees for 1,2 or 3 days.

Action: M/S/P to include a line item in our next budget for NACW convention attendance.

D. Salute To Women Awards

Almost 500 nomination forms have been mailed. Forms will be included in the next issue of the newsletter. Deadline for receiving the forms back is July 1. The current awards committee will continue through the awards banquet on Oct. 30. The Awards committee and the Friends banquet committee will meet to clarify responsibilities.

E. Legislative Analysis

Action: M/S/P to send letters of support for the following bills to their authors: SB 1057 (Lockyer) Sexual Harassment: evidence; SB 1071 (Lockyer) Marital Property; SB 1167 (Marks) Displaced Homemakers Emergency Loan Act; SB 1446 (Watson) Sexual Harassment: State Personnel Board Complaint Procedures.

F. Domestic Violence

Commissioner Johns reported that she has received the updated report from the Coalition Against Household Violence and that they are in compliance.

CAHV, Interface and PSSA are all pleased that the Commission is involved in the monitoring process.

Elaine Herzog is the new Executive Director of the CAHV. Carol Doty is the Board Chairperson. A volunteer coordinator has been hired. All hours are now covered by a staff person.

G. Communications

Both the latest issue of the newsletter and the brochure re: employer-assisted child care are in process.

A committee is needed to develop long range plans for communications.

VI. Unfinished Business

Requirements for the annual report were discussed; compilation and writing assignments were made. Completed sections are requested by the May 18 meeting. Records of expenses, mileage and time are also to be ready by May 18 and given to Commissioner White.

VIII. New Business

The Commission has been invited to participate in a joint meeting with the Santa Barbara Commission for Women, the San Luis Obispo Commission on the Status of Women and representatives of the state Commission on the Status of Women. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 6, in Santa Barbara. All commissioners are encouraged to attend. This meeting will not take the place of our regular July meeting.

Items suggested for the May 18 agenda :
Needs of each of the committees
Regular absences by commissioners

IX. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by *Martha Baskerville*
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