

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

July 16, 1983

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Yvonne Bodle, Co-Chair
Virginia Connell, Co-Chair
Lauren Anderson
Lupe Gonsalves
Mary Jane Johns
Sandy Ryder
Steve Wiman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mary Baird
✓ Dorothy Engel
Tila Estrada
Brook Hubbell
Carol Keochekian
JoAnne Moore
Ida Richardson
Erin Sheffield

VISITORS

Judy Wong (Supervisor Ed Jones' Office)
Admin. Assistant Clint Tatum
Alicia Ramirez Brewer

The meeting was held at the home of Yvonne Bodle, 2936 Solimar Beach Drive, Ventura, CA and called to order at 10:55 by Virginia Connell.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lauren Anderson and seconded by Jane Johns to accept the June 4, 1983 minutes. A correction was made by Clint Tatum to the Treasurer's Report in that the budget was not put through as a policy item but as an ongoing expense. These minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Commission has sent out the following items of correspondence:

1. Thank you notes to the Child Care Committee members and speakers.
2. A letter to NACW concerning Pasadena hosting next year's convention.
3. A letter from Brook Hubbell to Jane Honikman, Community Advocates for Quality Child Care about the KISS brochure.
4. A letter from Dorothy Engel to Diane Thompson about the KISS brochure.
5. A letter from Yvonne Bodle to Maxine Waters about the State budget.

6. A letter from Yvonne Bodle to Senator David Roberti concerning his appointment of George F. Denton to the Department of Corrections expressing concern over his sensitivity to women.

The Commission has received the following items:

1. From the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting telling about the weekly 30-minute program featuring profiles of working women, financial advice and interviews on topics such as planning careers and children and learning how to use media effectively. Videocassettes are available to purchase, rent or lease for seminars. Further information can be obtained from Joyce Braga, Program Circulation Manager, at the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, Owings Mills, Maryland, 21117, (301)356-5600.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Ryder reported for Erin Sheffield that at the end of the fiscal year June 30 we spent 80% of our budget of \$13,100, leaving a balance of \$1,438.17. Much of this was due to no salary being paid for a secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Child Care Committee

Steve Wiman reported on the Child Care Committee meeting held June 20, 1983. Dorothy Engel conducted the meeting and said that a review of the Symposium held in May should be ready by late August. The Child Care Resource Library currently in Mary Baird's home will be moved in late summer, but the new location is presently unknown. Public libraries are being considered.

The KISS brochure needs reprinting. Engel will inquire into the cost. There was discussion regarding charging for dissemination of the brochure. Engel will check with the county on our ability to charge for the brochure. There was some discussion regarding limiting dissemination of the brochure. There was further discussion regarding how to use the brochure and the presentation books. Carol Keochekian suggested making the Committee's program available to personnel groups. There will be more discussion on this at future times.

The Committee will contact Child Care Resource and Referral to determine whether it will sponsor Quality Child Care Month in September.

The next meeting of the Committee will be August 1, 1983.

Yvonne Bodle remarked that the Great Pacific Iron Works is setting up a program for their employees, and that the Symposium was the spark for this action.

Communications Committee

Sandy Ryder announced that the paper to print 275 copies of the Annual Report had been donated anonymously. There was a question whether to send the Annual Report out as the newsletter or whether it was by now dated material. It was agreed to send it out but to start on a newsletter for September.

Virginia Connell thanked Sandy Ryder and Yvonne Bodle for the fine job they did on the Annual Report and said that the Commission was very pleased about the report and the presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Legislative Report

1. Letter from WEAL (Women's Equity Action League) in Washington, D.C. describing extensive reorganization and a reduction in force in the U.S. Department of Education which will particularly hurt programs for women, minorities, disadvantaged and disabled students. The letter urges several actions against these cuts. It was decided to send a copy of this letter to each Commissioner for individual action.
2. Legislative Alert from NACW (National Association of Commissions for Women). This Alert, dated July 1, included a copy of "Legislative Action Guide for State and Local Caucuses", prepared by the National Women's Political Caucus. Anyone interested can call the office and request a copy of this guide.
3. The NACW Alert also contained information regarding important Congressional bills to be dealt with shortly after the summer recess:

HR 1036. The Community Renewal Employment Act. - This is a "jobs bill" which includes openings and opportunities for women. It has bipartisan support, and local Representatives should be encouraged to vote for it.

H. Res. 190 and S. Res. 149. - Resolutions in the House and Senate which reaffirm Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Encourage California Senators and local Representatives to become sponsors.

H.J. Resolution 1 and S.J. Resolution 10, the Equal Rights Amendment. - Presently 56 Senators and 230 representatives have become co-sponsors. 11 more Senators and 56 more Representatives are needed.

HR 100 and S. 372, Non-Discrimination in Insurance. Extensive information was provided regarding these bills, and it was decided to send copies of this material to all Commissioners.

Awards and Installation Banquet

Lupe Gonsalves reported that a tentative date was set for October 27 to hold the Banquet, and that the Lobster Trap Restaurant in Oxnard was being considered as the place. She said the Committee would meet as soon as possible to talk about obtaining a speaker. Steve Wiman said he thought the speaker at the banquet should be a woman.

Elections Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for election of new officers will announce the slate in August for elections to be held in september. Officers should not serve more than two terms. The Nominating committee members are Sandy Ryder and Tila Estrada.

Yvonne Bodle announced that she regretfully submits her resignation from the Commission due to working on her Ph.D. at UCSB this year, effective August 1. Her resignation was accepted with regrets.

Clint Tatum spoke briefly and said that the Board of Supervisors will begin budget talks August 1. In addition to the Commission's budget for ongoing operations, there are three policy items:

1. The \$1600 representing an increase in the budget for inflation and expenses.
2. Converting the extra help position to a permanent position.
3. The cost of the Child Care Conference information to be printed and distributed. The Child Care Committee is working with Clint on the assessment from the County.

Of these, item 3 has been recommended by the CAO, and items 1 and 2 have not been.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46.

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Informational

Judy Wong was representing Supervisor Ed Jones and said that he was proud of the Commission.

Alicia Ramirex Brewer also spoke briefly regarding her campaign for the Community College Board representing the Fillmore/Moorpark area.

The Coalition Against Household Violence did not receive any share of Presley Bill monies. Interface received all of Ventura County's share of these funds.

Lupe Gonsalves had tickets for Jack O'Connell's Fish Dinner to be held July 23.

Virginia Connell walked 10 kilometers for the ERA in Westwood.

Steve Wiman will be a father again in December.