

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Oxnard, CA

December 7, 1991

District 2

Carol Breyman

Pat Harris-Murray

Jeannette Scovill

The December meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 10:22 am by Chair Stacey MacDonald. The meeting was held at the McGrath Ranch, Oxnard.

District 3

Stacey Mac Donald

Anna McVerry

Members Present:

Mary Jones

Jeannette Scovill

Carol Breyman

Virginia Rogalsky

Stacey MacDonald

Connie Lawrason

Aurora de la Selva

Beverlee McGrath

Eliza Thomas

Members Absent/Excused:

Lois Harrion

Anna McVerry

Marilyn Maurer

Pat Harris-Murray

Helen Spencer

District 4

Connie Lawrason

Marilyn Maurer

District 5

Aurora de la Selva

Beverlee Mc Grath

Eliza Thomas

Staff Present:

Bonnie Warrington

Administrative Aide

Commission Staff

Bonnie M. Warrington

Guests:

Judy Bysshe

David Lee, L.A. Daily News

Consent Calendar

M/S/C Breyman, McGrath to accept the Consent Calendar with these corrections:

November Minutes should be corrected to read that Commissioner Thomas was ABSENT/EXCUSED

Order of Business:

- A. Chairperson's Semi-Annual Report was presented and accepted as printed.
- B. Women's Political Appointments Coalition Chair Jeannette Scovill announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Wednesday January 8, 1992, 6p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Occupation Education Services Building 465 Horizon Circle, Camarillo Airport, Camarillo.

Order of Business (Continued)

- C. Eliza Thomas, Chair Finance Committee announced that a Post Office Box had been opened to accomodate the future reservations for Commission: Special Events (i.e. Women's History Project, future Salute to Women, etc). Name: Women's Activity Fund, P.O. Box 6762, Oxnard, CA 93030-6762. Rental on the box (\$35.00 annual fee + \$2.00 keys=\$37.00) was paid out of Salute to Women Committee Funds, individual bank account.

Report given relative to procedures to utilize money from the Commission's Trust Account. Procedure has been established which will require the Finance Committee Chair to submit a memo, to be routed through the PSSA Fiscal Department, to advise them of pre-approved expenditures by the body of the whole Commission. Finance Committee Chair will advise them of such expenditures my memo delineating amount, and purpose for which monies are being spent per action of the Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Commission is to secure an IRS Tax Number after which time the individual bank account will be set up at a bank to be determined and proceeds from the 1991 Salute to Women event placed. At the present time a temporary account in Security Pacific Bank, Ventura has those funds on deposit. This procedure should be completed by early in January 1992 with a report to be given at the January 11, 1992 meeting of the Commission. This new account will carry the name of Women's Activity Fund and will be used to accept event registrations sent to the new Post Office Box, for various Commission activities. Expenditures directed by Finance Committee per Executive Committee authorization. This change was necessitated so as not to be confused with the CFW Trust Account on deposit with the County of Ventura. These monies in the trust account require full Commission approval.

D. Health Care Committee Report

Eliza Thomas

Recent statements in the press are not reflective of committee recommendations. It was stressed that the Health Care Committee is exploring options and at such time as the committee felt recommendations were appropriate would make those recommendations to the Commission for future action. The posture of the Committee is that they will continue to explore various options relating to Health Care issues and advise the Commission. They will continue to monitor various health clinics and advise CFW of findings for future projects. Information to the press will will come only from the Chair of the Commission for Women in the future.

E. Leadership Committee

Committee is composed of following Commissioners: Jones, Scovill, Harris-Murray and MacDonald.

Committee was unable to meet prior to December meeting. Recommendations will come to the Commission at a future meeting.

F. Programs Committee

Carol Breyman

Carol Breyman, Committee Chair submitted a written report.

1. Women's History Project Luncheon to honor an outstanding Educator and Community Activist will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Oxnard, Saturday March 14, 1992. Cost of Luncheon tickets will be \$18.00.

M/S/C Thomas, Lawrason that Ventura County Commission for Women join the National Women's History Project Network, and pay from CFW Budget \$50 annual Network dues. This membership will provide materials necessary to effectively implement the program.

M/S/C Lawrason, Breyman to accept Entertainment Alternative #1 as presented in the Committee report: The Bristow Educational Productions will present a Spirit of American Women program using dramatic characterizations and musical reflections of Abigail Adams, Molly Pitcher, Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony. Their \$500 fee will be paid from the luncheon proceeds. Affirmative roll call vote.

Carol detailed the historical background of the Women's History Project in Ventura County

M/S/C Lawrason, Breyman to pay the \$500 deposit fee from the TRUST FUND to secure the Radisson Hotel for the Women's History Project. Affirmative roll call vote in the majority.

2. Family Law Forum. Letter has been sent to Susan Witting, Attorney-at-Law indicating the Commission's interest in working with her to implement such a Forum in 1992. Securing of Commission recommended third sponsor has not been found. Staff Administrative Aide will apprise Mrs Witting of Commission mailing deadlines so that information can be made public in a timely manner and work with her to facilitate the Forum.

3. Survival Skills

Eliza Thomas announced the selection of a new name for this event as Women's Resource Fair, tentatively to be held at the Esplanade Mall at A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

4. 1992 Salute to Women. Stacey MacDonald announced that she was working on a revision for the Nomination form. It will be presented to the Commission at a future date for approval.

G. Public Relations Committee

Jeanette Scovill reported on the availability of classes through Ventura Co. CableVision to prepare programs for public television access. Dates for future training dates were made available to Commissioners. This expertise will enable the Commission to produce television shows to highlight future programs which in turn can be distributed through the various cable television stations locally.

H. Monitoring of Women's Shelters

Beverlee Mc Grath reported that the next monitoring will be after the first of the year. She called attention to the newly implemented "Hot Line" for prevention of battering. This was detailed in her November report.

I. Legislative Analysis

Beverlee McGrath reported that the State Legislature is presently in recess. She noted that we can expect an increase in legislation next year relating to the domestic violence issue, crack babies and child neglect.

Beverly McGrath inquired as to Commission's interest in sponsoring legislation dealing with mandatory birth control for repeat offenders giving birth to drug addicted babies. After discussion, the consensus was that Commissioner McGrath will report back at the January meeting with detailed information, sample correspondence, etc., regarding this matter.

J. Housing

Jeannette Scovill, CFW Liaison to the Area Housing Authority's "Self-Sufficiency Program" which met recently. The program is designed to coordinate all social services agencies efforts to provide services for the homeless. The five year program will statistically tract clients and service providers on a monthly basis in an effort to develop a pre-mandate model program.

K. Child Care

Kathy Long, CFW Liaison and Administrative Assistant to Supervisor Maggie Erickson Kildee reported that a Bidders Conference will be held at Child Development and Resources relative funding available to Ventura County for Child Care.

L. Staff Report

Bonnie M. Warrington, Administrative Aide, presented her report which was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. During a Holiday luncheon which followed the meeting, former Commissioners Kathy Long, Karen Flock and Anita Garaway-Furtaw were honored for their distinguished service to the Ventura County Commission for Women.

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 1992, 9 am, Conference Center, Camarillo Airport, Camarillo.