

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES
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Commission Members:

District 1

Lauren Anderson
Karen Flock
Katie Reeder

District 2

Diane Doria
Anita Garaway
Susan H. Witting

District 3

Laura Espinosa
Naomi Kohl
Kathy Long

District 4

Dorothy J. Engel
Teresa Godinez

District 5

Jean Harris
Eliza Thomas

Commission Staff

Bonnie M. Warrington
Tiffiney B. Lewis

I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Karen Flock, Co-Chair.

II. Commissioners Present:

Diane Doria
Dot Engel
Kathy Long
Karen Flock
Naomi Kohl
Laura Espinosa
Eliza W. Thomas
Jean Harris
Katie Reeder
Teresa Godinez
Teresa Cortes

Commissioners Absent:

Anita Garaway *
Susan Witting *

Excused *

Staff:

Bonnie Warrington
Tiffiney B. Lewis

III. Guests:

Diane Martindale gave a brief report on "Women's Income vs Outgo! Gave statistics on Ventura County as having the highest cost of living and lowest income for women in 1989. The subject was given high priority and agendized for November agenda.

IV. M/S/P Doria/Long to correct minutes of September meeting: Under Old Business include discussion of "Friends" that is to be agendized at November meeting.

V. The Correspondence Report was given by Bonnie Warrington, Administrative Aide. Copy is on file in the Commission Office.

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M/S/P Harris, Doria approve column to be written by Bonnie Warrington in the Ventura County Women's Newspaper. It was suggested that any Commission updates be considered on a monthly basis for the column.

Administrative Aide Warrington presented report of four bids for coping of the Newsletter. M/S/P Doria, Reeder to accept bid of Kwik Kopy 70lbs/500 copies of the Newsletter for \$.00. The Newsletter will be distributed at the Salute to Women Brunch October 29, 1989.

VII. M/S/P Cortes, Thomas "We, the Commission for Women, are committed to upholding women's reproductive rights under the law".

M/S/P Long, Doria approve educational forums as a consideration on the topic of Reproductive Rights if approached.

VIII. M/S/P Reeder, Engel approve the Annual Report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 24, 1989, subject to the availability of time.

IX. Task Force/Committee Reports

Women helping Women

- A. M/S/P Reeder, Engel to co-sponsor the "Women's Financial Workshop" in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and The University of California/Extension Division/Berkley. Diane Doria will serve as Commission for Women liaison to plan and implement these series of workshops.
- B. Agendized for November: Commissioner Eliza Thomas will present a report on "Poor People and Hospital Care in Ventura County".

X. Implementation of Outreach Program - Reports

1. Supervisorial District 1 - No Report
2. Supervisorial District 2 Commissioner Doria announced program on January 15 & 16 in the Thousand Oaks Library between 7-9 p.m. with Supervisor Madge Schaefer.
3. Supervisorial District 3 - No Report
4. Supervisorial District 4 - No Report
5. Supervisorial District 5 Commissioner Thomas will meet with Supervisor Flynn discussing hospital care for welfare recipients.

XI. Salute to Women

- A. As of October 14, 1989 there were 113 reservations for the Salute to Women Brunch.
- B. Twelve easles will be provided to display poster size pictures of all the awardees at the brunch, to be set up by Koranda-Berry.
- C. Posterboards depicting Commission projects from the past year will be prepared by the various task force chairs and will be on display at the brunch.

Commissioner assignments at the brunch:

1. Kathy Long will be the Liaison at the Press Conference for the Awardees and Supervisors between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
2. Karen Flocck is in charge of the welcoming of attendees and the overview.
3. Diane Doria will be doing introductions of the Board of Supervisors.
4. Susan Witting will introduce the Keynote Speaker, Wahnetta K. Poteet.

5. Teresa Cortes will be making a video movie of the brunch.
6. Tiffiney Lewis will be taking pictures of the brunch.
7. Bonnie Warrington - 1988 Awards Banquet.
8. Bonnie Warrington - Women's History Project.
9. Katie Reeder - Ventura County's Child Care Task Force.
10. Susan Witting - Family Law Forum.
11. Diane Doria/Laura Espinosa - Survival Skills Day.
12. Karen Flock - Women in Agriculture.
13. Bonnie Warrington - Cool It Tips.
14. Laura Espinosa will have the honor of handing out plaques to the awardees assisting Wahneta K. Poteet, Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Commission for Women adjourned at 11:26 a.m.
Reconvened as the Salute to Women Committee at 11:26 a.m.

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XII. Appointments

- A. Eliza Thomas attended first meeting at Camarillo Daily News on Wednesday October 18 at 7:30 p.m. for the Women's Equity Coalition and the 1990 Women's History Project and Luncheon. This project will be agendized for the November Commission for Women Meeting, at which time project responsibilities will be discussed and assigned.
- B. Bonnie Warrington has offered to become the liaison between the Los Angeles Commission for Women and the Ventura County Commission for Women. She will contact them by phone and by formal letter with the fact that even though our meeting dates conflict on a monthly basis, we will be more than happy to work with them and meet together from time to time.
- C. Katie Reeder approved to be removed from Women Helping Women Task Force and will chair the By-Laws Review Committee.
- D. Kathy Long will become Newsletter and Publicity Chair.

XIII. Family Law Forum

We are co-sponsoring Family Relations/Public Education Forum in conjunction with Family Law Bar of Ventura County and California Lutheran University. The topic is "Demystifying the Mediation Process in Your Divorce". It will be held at California Lutheran University, Richter Hall at the Ahmanson Center in Thousand Oaks, October 26, 1989, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Update of the 1990 Family Law Forum will be presented at the next meeting.

XIV. Child Care Task Force Dot Engel

Printed Minutes of the following Child Care Councils are available for Commissioner review: Camarillo Child Care Task Force, Simi Valley Child Care Council, Santa Paula Child Care Council, Ojai Child Care Council, Oxnard Plains Child Care Council, City of Ventura Child Care Council, Moorpark.

The Ventura County Child Care Coordinating Council October meeting featured a video explaining the attributes of the utilization of funds provided from SB 722. This video is available from Senator Gary Hart and can be checked out and shown to community groups at no cost.

Kathy Long liaison to Ventura County's Child Care Advisory Council presented a written report

XV. Domestic Violence/Shelter Monitoring Reports:

East and West County Shelters have been monitored by Anita Garaway and Teresa Godinez. They're quarterly reports have been submitted to PSSA/Adult Services Coordinator, Elenor Evans.

Cool It Tips

Distribution plans with the Moorpark School District will be presented at the next meeting by Teresa Godinez.

XVI. Resignation of Dot Engel, Commissioner 4th Supervisorial District effective November 1, 1989 was accepted with regret. Dot has offered to donate any historical data she has acquired during her 8 years of service to the Commission.

XVII. New Business

A. Commission for Women will meet on the third Saturday, November 18, 1989. We have also been notified that as of January 1990 we will need a new place for our monthly meetings.

- B. Kathy Long presented information on bids to revise the Ventura County Commission for Women Brochure. Further information at next meeting.
- C Commission for Women goal setting will be agendized for November.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 18, CAMARILLO DAILY NEWS,
CAMARILLO, 9:00 A.M.

The Commission for Women met as Salute to Women Committee from 11:26 to 11:35 a.m. on October 14, 1989. The following action was taken:

- A. The Salute to Women Committee approved \$100 for brunch related expenses.
- B. M/S/P Doria, Harris approve \$175 donation to "Women's Safety Alliance" being co-sponsored by Child Abuse and Neglect and The Coalition on Household Violence being held November 4, 1989 at Juanita School in Colonia in Oxnard. Its aim is on women and their children facing household violence. They will offer culturally relevant information, education, and prevention strategies. It will be presented entirely in Spanish. Child care, refreshments, and a continental breakfast are being offered at no cost. (Copy of information letter is on the reverse side).

Request for study of pay vs. cost of living for women in Ventura County.

The following memo was presented at the October 14 meeting to be agendized November 18 meeting for the Commission for Women;

To: Ventura County Commission for Women
From: Diane Martindale
Date: October 14, 1989
Request: Study and Publicize results of study of Pay vs. Cost of living for women in Ventura County.

Ventura County has the second highest cost of living (overall) in the United States in 1988 (1). We are all familiar with the phenomenal cost of housing in this area. Not all of us were lucky enough to purchase homes 15 years ago so that our payment are low; and those who did purchase often can't afford to move.

Women's issues are economic issues.

It has been my own recent experience and that of others, that professional jobs here pay 1/2 to 1/3 of what you would earn at the same job with the same duties in the San Fernando Valley or Los Angeles. Yet our cost of living is more.

I assume that it's not just professional women who suffer - but all.

I propose that the Commission study this issue. If it is true that women (and possibly the men, too) are paid differently here (i.e. lower) then let's ask why. What is then the effective income here (2). Are more women here at or below poverty level? If we add the costs of day care, are our women really struggling.

Awareness precedes action and problem solving. I think we have a problem. I believe it's bad enough that just the workers and talent we need to build this County will leave for greener or less expensive pastures.

Let's study it and get on to problem-solving. Part of the problem-solving involves community awareness and akenowledgement. The Commission for women is the right group to do the study and have impact.

Respectfully submitted,

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