

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES  
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacey B. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present were: Breyman, Jones, MacDonald, McGrath, McVerry, Rogalsky, Thomas, and Weingardt. Commissioners Lawrason, Maurer, Harris-Murray, and Scoville were excused. Commissioners Bysshe, de la Selva, and Harriion were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Revisions were made to the March 14, 1992 Minutes as shown below:
1. ROLL CALL Pat Harris-Murray's absence was excused.
  2. PROGRAM COMMITTEE Recognition of Bonnie Warrington was done just before the meeting adjourned.
  3. HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE Some of the physicians at the Oxnard Clinic may not have access to St. John's Medical Center since they are not on staff.
  4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Commissioner McVerry was not present. The Board wanted the survey on women's issues to be printed in the newspaper with a tear off for responses. There needs to be more harmony and unity in the Commission and all Commissioners need to work toward the goals of the group. The necessity for the Board to meet two weeks prior to every meeting was for each district to review correspondence and set an agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Rogalsky, seconded by Commissioner McVerry to approve the minutes as revised, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

It was moved by Commissioner Breyman, seconded by Commissioner Rogalsky to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar, there being no objectives, it was so ordered.

- B. Receive Subsidiary Ledger
- C. Approve Letter from Commission Opposing Department of Education's proposal to Ban Targeted Scholarship Programs
- D. Accept Resignation of Helen Spencer

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### C. Finance Committee Report-Eliza Thomas

This item was taken out of order since Commissioner Thomas had to leave by 10:30 a.m.. As of April 2, 1992, the Women's Activity Fund had a balance of \$3,239.76. All expenses from the Women's History project had been paid and all checks received had cleared. It was agreed that this account should be changed to an interest bearing account. It was moved by Commissioner McGrath, seconded by Commissioner McVerry that a written finance report will be prepared and reviewed at the next meeting for adoption, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

#### E Program Committee Report-Carol Breyman

##### Women's History Project 1992 (Final Report)

Commissioner Breyman handed out a two page report containing an overview of this year's event, suggestions and helpful hints for next year, and a financial report. She reviewed this report with the Commissioners and thanked everyone again for their assistance. Everyone thanked Commissioner Breyman for the job she did organizing and following through on this event.

##### Family Law Forum 1992

It was brought to the Commissioner's attention that there are a number of legal forums going on already. Consequently, the program committee is going to look into shifting direction-acting as co-sponsors and helping to publicize instead of organizing the entire event.

##### Survival Skills 1992

This program had been given a new name. Administrative Aide Sovich will research and report at next meeting.

##### Salute to Women 1992

Discussion pursued over the direction to take as far as projects were concerned. In the future, the Commission for Women will act as catalysts for these projects and let other organizations take a larger role. Commissioner Breyman will approach the Professional Women's Network to help get the Salute to Women rolling.

It was moved by Commissioner Breyman, seconded by Commissioner McVerry to set the week-end of October 17, 1992 as the tentative date for the Salute to Women and March 13, 1993 for the Women's History Award Luncheon. Program Committee will look for viable outside help to work in sponsoring these events and Commission for Women will retain Chair, there being no objectives, it was so ordered.

A. Chairperson's Report-Stacey B. MacDonald

- a. Time and Location of CFW Meetings  
Commissioners discussed whether or not they wanted to change the time, day, and/or location of their meetings. A survey will be prepared and sent out by Administrative Aide Sovich. She will also look into the availability of the Don Adolfo room in the Camarillo Library. Commissioner MacDonald reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at the Government Center after the Women's Political Appointments Coalition workshop.
- b. Requests for Donations  
All Commissioners present agreed that requests for donations should be handled on a case by case basis and that no formal policy was necessary. The general feeling was that the Commission should be very cautious and if any money was given, it would be accompanied by an explanation that it was a one time donation. During this time, a form was passed around for personal donations to the DeAnza Middle School GATE project.
- c. Request for Assistance on Event Organizing  
This was already discussed during Commissioner Breyman's Program Committee Report.
- d. Evidence Collection-Sexual Assault Cases  
Commissioner Jones volunteered to discuss colposcope techniques with Joanie Baumer (wife of Nat Baumer, County Director for Emergency Services including trauma rape cases). Commissioner Jones will report back at the next meeting pertaining to the process and possible uses in Ventura County.

B. Women's Political Appointments Coalition (WPAC) Report-Scovill

Commissioner Rogalsky gave this report in Commissioner Scovill's absence. Commissioner Rogalsky reviewed the WPAC workshop that is planned for May 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. Commissioner Thomas was asked to give an explanation of how government works and how to get appointed during her presentation. The Ventura County League of Women Voters is co-sponsoring this event. Commissioner MacDonald stressed the importance of attendance at the workshop.



WPAC meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Area Housing Authority Office, 99 S. Glenn Drive in Camarillo. No new Commissioners can belong to this group or their membership will constitute a quorum.

D. Healthcare Committee Report-Anna McVerry

Commissioner McVerry indicated that since there was no attendance at the Healthcare meeting, there is no report this month.

F. Women's Shelters Report-Beverlee McGrath

Commissioner McGrath reported that the Simi Valley Shelter is very happy with their remodelling. There is one vacancy and they are housing seven children.

G. Legislative Report-Beverlee McGrath

Commissioner McGrath reported on Assembly Bill 3334. This bill, if passed, would cease funding at the State Level for Commission for the Status of Women as well as five other agencies. Commissioner McGrath read a proposed press release in opposition to this legislation. There was a consensus of the Commission to release the press release immediately since the bill was going to be voted on Wednesday, April 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

Since Commissioner Thomas had to leave and without her there was no longer a quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne A. Sovich  
Administrative Aide

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