

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

January 22, 1983

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Yvonne Bodle, Co-Chair
Ginny Connell, Co-Chair
Lauren Anderson
Dorothy Engel
Tila Estrada
Brook Hubbell
Carol Keochekian
Stephen Wiman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mary Baird
Lupe Gonsalves
Mary Jane Johns
JoAnne Moore
Ida Richardson
Sandra Ryder
Erin Sheffield

STAFF

Beverly French

CALL TO ORDER

The January meeting of the Commission for Women was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Co-Chair Ginny Connell. The meeting was held at the Camarillo Public Library in Camarillo. There were no guests present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

There was one correction to the November 20 Minutes, on page six, under the heading "Camarillo Women's Day." It was listed as being held at California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks. It should, instead, be listed as being held at Camarillo Christian Church School on Arneill Road in Camarillo on April 30, 1983. The Minutes were approved with that one correction.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Lauren Anderson reported on the following incoming and outgoing correspondence:

1. The Commission received a letter from the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women introducing the new booklet they have published, entitled "Survival Guide for Women." A complimentary copy was enclosed for our inspection.

2. A thank you letter was received from Pauline Saunders, who was honored on October 28 at the "Salute to Women" banquet.
3. A letter came from Jan Bowman, Director of Women's Programs at Cal Lutheran College, concerning Creative Options Day to be held in March.
4. Yvonne Bodle wrote to the National Organization for Women (NOW) requesting information about Political Action Committees (PACs). NOW wrote back with information about the California NOW PAC.
5. Bodle also wrote to the State Commission on the Status of Women, asking for their schedule of meetings for 1983. Vicki Caron of the State Commission answered her letter with the requested information. They also sent an agenda for the January meeting.
6. Gary Hart wrote to say he and his wife enjoyed the Commission's newsletter, and would like copies sent to both of his offices.
7. Bodle wrote thank you letters to Charles Imbrecht, Marian Lafollette, Gary Hart, Tom McClintock, Harriet Henson and James Dougherty for their participation in the "Salute to Women" banquet.
8. The Commission received a letter from the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women, including the leaflet "Community Survey on the Status of Women, Fiscal Year 1982-1983," which contains recently compiled data on that Commission. They asked for our comments regarding that report.
9. We received a memo from the State Commission announcing the Sexual Harassment in Employment (S.H.E.) Project, headed by Dr. Mary Lebrato.
10. Ginny Connell Sent a letter to Ruth McPherson of the District Citizens Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, recommending Lupe Gonsalves to fill a vacant place on that board.
11. Bodle wrote to Analyst Blake Boyle, requesting suggestions for proceeding with the showing of the film "How We Got the Vote" at the Government Center on March 11. Boyle wrote back to suggest that the Commission contact Florence Young, the County's Special Events Secretary, for help.
12. The Clerk of the Board informed the Commission of Supervisor James Dougherty's reappointments of Dorothy Engel, Mary Baird, and Brook Hubbell as Commissioners. They received official certificates from the Clerk's office.
13. We received an announcement about Parent Survival Training, a weekend class which will train parents to take charge of their families again. The workshop will be held at the Thousand Oaks Library on January 22 & 23.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The staff secretary reported on the Commission's financial status for the absent Erin Sheffield, Finance Officer. As of January 7, 54% of the year had elapsed and 49% of the budget had been spent, according to the figures in accounting period seven. However, there are several expenditures which have not been recorded yet, but the money has actually been spent. The next accounting period will give a more accurate picture of the Commission's budget status.

Proceedings ordered from a workshop at Bank Street College in New York were requested by Commissioner Dorothy Engel. They returned the Commission's check with an explanatory note saying no one could order the proceedings if they did not attend the workshop.

It was decided that the 1983 Interface Resource Directory would be ordered for \$16.00 to place in the Commission's office.

Bodle and Connell reported on the need to prepare the tentative budget for 1983-84 fiscal year, which must be submitted to P.S.S.A. Fiscal Department by February 4. They and Sheffield will be meeting with P.S.S.A. representatives on Tuesday, January 25, to discuss the upcoming appropriations for next year. A request for the staff secretary's permanent position will be included in that budget proposal. It was moved to authorize the Co-Chairs to represent the whole Commission in the budget process. Motion carried. There was also a brief discussion of the use of the Revenue Sharing Funds set aside for the Employers Symposium on Child Care Conference on May 19.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The staff secretary reported for the absent Sandra Ryder. Annual costs of the newsletter were discussed. Each issue costs \$75 for postage, as well as approximately \$240 per issue for printing, folding, screening pictures, etc. The approximate annual cost is \$1200 for 5 issues of the newsletter, not including a July-August issue. Postage expenses would be on top of that figure.

It was suggested that a list of community services available be included in the newsletter. The Coalition Against Household Violence has a printed list of such services. Perhaps it could be used as an insert in the next newsletter. That possibility will be explored.

CHILD CARE PROJECT COMMITTEE

Chair Dot Engel reported on the Committee meeting held on January 12 at Thousand Oaks Library. The Conference plans were discussed and it was decided that some of the Conference money would be expended on printing of booklets.

Carol Keochekian discussed the upcoming Working Parents and Employers Symposium on Child Care conference. Plans and members who serve or might serve on the steering committee were discussed. The conference will be held on Thursday, May 19, at the Hungry Tiger Restaurant in Thousand Oaks. A list will be compiled of all the companies/agencies that will be invited to attend the conference. The basic focus of the conference will be information, to aid company personnel directors decide if on-site child care is a viable possibility for them. There will be speakers during the morning session of the conference, and the afternoon will consist of a panel discussion.

Brook Hubbell pointed out that Ventura County companies need to be made aware of on-site child care as a possibility for their company. She discussed the Needs Assessment Survey used by employers, and which has been recently revised. It will be used and on exhibit at the conference. Hubbell showed the Commissioners a rough draft of the presentation book being printed soon. It is a flip chart, and will be used at the conference and also with employers in private appointments to discuss child care needs. It was then suggested that the presentation book be copyrighted. That possibility will be explored through the County Counsel's office.

The Committee would like to publicize the conference by having a premiere showing of the presentation book to the Board of Supervisors. It was also suggested that the presentation book might be shown on cable TV in Ventura County.

Bodle said the Child Care Project Committee should prepare a one page synopsis of their work to present with our budget report. Also, a one page hand-out showing the need for child care (statistics) could be prepared to give out at the conference to those attending.

Chris Eakins is preparing a list of child care consultants to be given to interested companies in Ventura County.

A brief report was made on the request from Ruth Johnson, via Supervisor John Flynn and Clint Tatum, for materials on the Child Care Project Committee's work. The Commission's response was discussed.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Ginny Connell reviewed the NACW's Legislative Outlook, which discussed such issues as the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion restrictions, entitlement programs, Economic Equity Act and social security.

Connell indicated that Kathleen Hamilton of the State Commission also has a good legislative review in their newsletter. The Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women also has a comprehensive legislative summary, Connell recommended.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

Connell reported that the Sexual Harassment Task Force had a partial meeting alst week and will meet again next week. JoAnne Moore is doing research for that Committee, also. Connell mentioned the S.H.E. Project being headed by Dr. Mary Lebrato at the State Commission's office.

The Committee is still interested in doing something as far as dispersing public information material to employers. They will be talking about that at a future meeting.

Steve Wiman said there is a San Francisco group called San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance, a women's litigation unit which has good information on sexual harassment.

Bodle brought up the matter of search and seizure, which has been an issue in the news lately, with three cases reported in California in the last six weeks. Bodle suggested that the Commission do some research into this issue. Is this a matter of harassment? Connell will do some looking into this question and report back at the next meeting.

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

Connell reported that there have been fourteen responses to date from women who want to act as Community Resource Women for Women's History Week in March.

The two luncheons sponsored by the Women's Equity Coalition and the American Association of University Women were very successful. They were giving the luncheons to raise money to buy the film "How We Got the Vote" to donate to Ventura County libraries. The money was raised and the film is in the process of being purchased for Women's History Week activities. The following is a list of Women's History Week Film Project Sponsors:

American Association of University Women, Ventura Branch
American Association of University Women, thousand Oaks Branch
American Association of University Women, Simi Valley Branch
American Association of University Women, Camarillo Branch
Buena Center Business and Professional Women
Golden Triangle Business and Professional Women
Ventura Business and Professional Women
California Lutheran College, Women's Resource Center
Channel Island Chapter of Links, Inc.
conejo Valley Democratic Club
Conejo Valley Junior Women's Club
Interface Community, Battered Women's Shelter
League of Women Voters
Moorpark College Women's Program and Women's Center
National Council of Jewish Women, Camarillo Section
National Council of Jewish Women, Buena Ventura Section

National Organization for Women, Simi-conejo Chapter
National Organization for Women, Ventura-Oxnard Chapter
St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Oxnard
Soroptimist International of the Conejo
Ventura College Re-Entry Center
Ventura County Commission for Women
Ventura County Women's Equity Coalition
Ventura Oaks Region of Women's American ORT
Westlake Junior Women's Club
Assemblywoman Cathie Wright
Women Lawyers of Ventura County
Women's Division, Ventura Chamber of Commerce

There will be one last mailing of letters asking for support during Women's History Week, to the churches and synagogues of Ventura County. The list of Community Resource Women will be prepared soon for use by teachers who are acting as contact persons for Ventura County schools wanting to participate in Women's History Week activities.

The film "How We Got the Vote" will be shown as follows:

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| March 7 | Thousand Oaks Library | 7:45 p.m. |
| March 8 | Moorpark College | Noon Program |
| March 9 | Oxnard College | Noon Program |
| March 10 | Ventura College | Noon Program |
| March 10 | Wright Library, Ventura | 7:30 p.m. |
| March 11 | County Government Center | Noon Program |
| March 12 | Simi Valley Library | 2:00 & 3:00 p.m. |
| March 15 | Camarillo Library | 7:30 p.m. |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keochekian passed out brochures advertising Creative Options at Cal Lutheran College on March 12. Commissioners will distribute those flyers starting on February 1st.

The Ventura County Wright Library has asked that the Commission provide a speaker for their January 28 program for parents. They said if the Commission can regularly provide speakers, they will be happy to use them often. Connell will cover that assignment, and at the next meeting the agenda will include an item regarding starting a speaker's bureau.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 19, at the Camarillo Library in Camarillo from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly French
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Staff Secretary