

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road  
Ventura, California  
93003

MINUTES  
October 20, 1984

The meeting was held in the Santa Paula Savings and Loan Building, Ojai, and was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Co-chair Alicia Ramirez-Brewer.

I. Commissioners Present:

Alicia Ramirez-Brewer  
Ray Clayton  
Ginny Connell  
Julie Elliott  
Brook Hubbell  
Mary Jane Johns  
Sandra Ryder  
Martha White

Commissioners excused:

Dot Engel  
Tila Estrada  
Louise Grethel  
Maggie Mireles

Guests:

Lee Anderson, President of the Friends  
Bonnie Warrington, V.P. of the Friends  
Diane Koranda  
Candace Matson (new appointee to the Commission, not yet official)

II. The minutes of Sept. 15, 1984 were approved as submitted with the following correction:

Ginny Connell reported that publication of the newsletter will be delayed.

III. Executive Secretary's Report

Incoming Correspondence from:

- . Mary Baird, a letter of resignation.
- . City of Greensboro, N.C. Commission on the Status of Women requesting information on the development of The Friends.
- . Cliff Rodrigues, Superintendent of Schools Office, thanking us for the participation of the Women's History Week Task Force in the displays for the County Summer Teachers' workshops.
- . Santa Barbara Commission for Women - a copy of the questionnaire they used in their county women's needs assessment phone survey.
- . Marin Co. Commission on the Status of Women - a complete Women's Needs Assessment report including the questionnaires.
- . Soroptimist International with information on Training Awards (cash awards) for entry or re-entry women.
- . Jocelyn Kempe, Chevron USA with a \$300 donation for the banquet.
- . D.A. Michael Bradbury with an "activity book" developed for victims of child abuse; request for comments/suggestions.

Correspondence was sent to:

- . Chuck Watson, Interface Community, endorsing the Conference on Family Violence, scheduled for Oct. 23, Harbortown, Ventura.

#### IV. Financial Report

The monthly financial report from the county was not received in time to be presented at this meeting.

#### V. Committee Reports

##### A. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson

Requested status of publicity and reservations for the "Salute to Women" Awards banquet. Requested Commissioners to reserve their tables. Asked Staff to contact absent commissioners.

Diane Koranda reminded of the reservation deadline of Oct. 25. She is allowed a 5% leeway on reservations.

Chevron USA made a \$300 donation to the Friends for the winners' plaques.

Del Manufacturing is providing the dinners for the award winners. Four complimentary dinners will go to Chevron USA.

Reverend Marjorie Leaming of the Santa Paula Unitarian Church will give the invocation. The cost of her dinner is being donated by Commissioner Mary Jane Johns.

Name tags will be available for The Friends, Commissioners, award recipients, and former recipients.

Sandy Ryder suggested the awards selection process begin with more lead time next year, and that committee guidelines be clarified, and that future banquets be only award banquets, not for installation of officers.

The Commission will call an extra meeting to brainstorm for constructive criticism of the awards and banquet process.

##### B. Child Care Project

The expected report from the county employees' child care needs assessment committee has not been made available yet.

During the last month Book Hubbell made a public presentation on employer-assisted child care.

C. Communications

Sandy Ryder suggested redesigning the newsletter.

Ginny Connell will write an article on the Public Hearings for the Needs Assessment Survey. She requested new energy for the newsletter committee.

Friends will help the Commission set up a Speakers' Bureau. They suggested holding 'teas' in each supervisorial district to acquaint more people with the work of the Commission and the Friends.

Bonnie Warrington suggested expanding the calendar section of the newsletter to include more scheduled events, Friends activities and meetings.

D. Domestic Violence Services

A meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7th for Commissioners Johns and Grethel and Nancy Steinhelper, Public Social Services Agency, to discuss and establish guidelines for monitoring domestic violence services provided in the county.

The Interface Community's dinner/fundraiser will be held in January.

E. Needs Assessment

Ginny Connell suggested combining the public hearings for Ojai and Ventura areas. Volunteers are needed who will bring people in to testify from all areas of the county.

Bonnie Warrington reported that Santa Barbara County has completed a community survey and UCSB has the data in their computer. They will give us a copy if we furnish the disc.

The next meeting of the Needs Assessment Committee is November 7, 1984, 7:00 p.m., Commission on Human Concerns, 255 S. Laurel St., Ventura.

F. Legislative Analysis

The "Latchkey Bills" on which the Commission for Women had taken a position of support were vetoed by the Governor. A new committee was established to study child care.

A report is expected in November from the State Commission on the Status of Women on the status of all bills from the legislative session that just ended.

The Civil Rights Bill died in Congress.

G. Women's History Week

Commissioner Connell and staff Martha Baskerville attended the History/Social Science Teachers conference workshops led by Molly MacGregor. Information was distributed to the attending teachers on Women's History Week. Connell suggested expanding Women's History Week to Women's History

V. G. Women's History Week (cont'd)

Month using Black History Month as a model.

The for-credit teachers' workshop, "Make Women In History Come Alive in Your Classroom", will be presented again next January 25-26, 1985. This is in cooperation with California Lutheran College, the Ventura County Superintendent of Public Schools Office and the California State Dept. of Education Title IX office.

VI. New Business

- A. Bonnie Warrington reported on having attended the tri-county meeting with San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties' commissions for women.
- B. Commissioner Grethel will chair the committee to organize exhibits/displays at the NACW national convention to be held in June, 1985 in Pasadena. Commission Co-Chair Ramirez-Brewer suggested that we prepare a guide to establishing Friends of the Commission.
- C. A meeting for discussion of the Awards Banquet process will be held on November 27, 5:00 p.m. in Camarillo. Staff is directed to reserve a suitable location.
- D. Commission Priorities for 1984-85
  1. Banquet Feedback
  2. Needs Assessment
  3. Child Care
  4. Network
    - a. marketable image
    - b. newsletter
  5. Awards Banquet Nominating Committee
  6. National Women's History Week
  7. 1985 NACW Convention

All commissioners should be involved in the needs assessment project.

July 1985 is the completion deadline for the needs assessment project.

Co-Chairs Engel and Ramirez-Brewer will prepare a time calendar for priorities for '84-'85.

E. Assistance requests for Friends:

1. Public Hearings - Needs assessment
2. Telephone Survey - needs assessment
3. Public Relations
4. NACW Convention

A formal letter of request will be submitted to the Friends with descriptions of the type of assistance needed.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be on Saturday, November 17, at the Santa Paula Savings & Loan Bldg., 725 E. Main St., Santa Paula, at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. Executive Session

Award Selections  
Meeting Locations

Martha White, Commissioner  
Martha Baskerville, Staff *Martha Baskerville*  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

I. Brook Hubbell

Potential problem for nominating committee for Awards. Some of the Friends were nominated.

ADRB suggested we recognize the Friends as a group.

There is a need for policy on how to treat nominees from the Friends.

Need feedback from the nominating committee on what should be done when a member of the Friends is nominated.

M/S/P Hubbell, Connell that Board members of the Friends not be considered for awards while in office.

II. Item for next month's agenda: Central location for regular Commission meetings.

Martha White, Commissioner  
*Martha Baskerville*  
Martha Baskerville, Staff  
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