

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Minutes of Meeting

April 5, 2003
United Way Bldg.
1317 Del Norte Road
Camarillo, CA

1. Call to Order: By Chairperson Zafiropoulos at 9:10 a.m.
2. Roll Call

A Joan Adams	P Sharon Hillbrant	P Ruth McAllister
P Cecilia Fargo	A Ina Howard	P Elizabeth Wagner
P Bea Gan	P Eileen Kahn	P Bonnie Warrington
A Etta Gillivan	A Jan Lawrence	A Cynthia York
P Diana Goodrow	P Cindi Love	P Lori Zafiropoulos

Since Commissioners Kahn and Wagner were new, we introduced ourselves.

3. Reordering of Agenda. Unfinished Business: added Mervyn's Closet; Heath Care Task Force. New Business: added 1) Funding—Report on Park & Rec Foundation, 2) Equal Payday, 3) NOW, 4) CSUCI Graduation, 5) CAL Works Recommendations/Recognition.
4. Public Comment: Commissioner Hillbrant displayed the proclamation that the Port Hueneme City Council presented to us for Women's History Month. MSP that commissioners contact the City Councils within their district and ask that they recognize March 2004 as Women's History Month.
5. Consent Calendar: M/S/P minutes of 2/1/03 (on file) as corrected.
6. A. Unfinished Business
 1. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner McAllister reported balance of \$417.08 (includes \$11.17 interest).
 2. The Incoming Mail Report (on file) was given by Commissioner Goodrow. Discussion followed on item #1 – a request from the California Commission on the Status of Women asking for our participation as a co-sponsor (fee \$50) in the 12th Annual Women

Action Lobby Day" (May 15) in Sacramento. MSP that \$50 be paid and Commissioners ask their district supervisors to donate \$10 apiece to reimburse the cost. Commissioner Fargo reported on a phone message from Kim Sandoval, Social Services Commission of North Carolina.

3. Meeting Location will be discussed at a later time.
4. Young Women's Symposium (Funded by TANF funds) will be held on Saturday, May 10 at Frank's Middle School, Oxnard from 8-2:30 p.m. Commissioners Fargo and Goodrow are seeking volunteers to help out. They will make sure that we are acknowledged in the publicity. We will have a table with our fliers, reading list and storyboard.
5. Women's Health Month (May). Observed locally/statewide. Goal is to get all children in Ventura County covered by end of year under Healthy Families program. Info on activities: Contact Maricela Morales, CAUSE.
6. Reimbursement of TANF funds. We have received nothing to date. Supervisor Bennett's office will help us become a 501C3. Commissioner Adams has copy of back up material submitted in requesting reimbursement.
7. Women's History Month Proclamation. Commissioner Worthington has copies. A picture was taken at the Board of Supervisors meeting, which Commissioner Love needs for the storyboard.
8. Mervyn's Closet at Ventura College. Received thank you's from Pat Fox West and Marilyn Wilson for our participation on March 18, 19. Seventy goody bags stuffed for participants. Special thanks to Commissioners Fargo, Goodrow & Worthington for helping out. Suggested venue: Oxnard College. Contact Oxnard Mervyns or CAL Works. Suggestion made to collect donations year round for goody bags. Also get a letter from Mervyns when seeking donations.

B. New Business

1. Funding—Report on Park & Rec. Cindy Cantrell of Supervisor Bennett's office said that the Park & Rec Dept Commission is similar to ours. They have a separate 501C3 organization to help fund projects. Commissioner Goodrow will follow up with Director of Park & Rec. Set up meeting. MSP to form a 501C3 Committee to research establishing a 501C3, consisting of Commissioners Goodrow, Hillbrant, Worthington, Kahn and Love. Two issues: Where can we meet and funding. Grants are available through private corporations. Check with Commissioner Gillivan re draft proposal.
2. NOW. The National Organization for Women is reactivating its Ventura County Chapter. The next meeting is April 28 at the Newbury Park library. California NOW Summit to be held May 9-11 at the LAX Radisson.

3. Equal Payday. Seeking support for their Bill – ACR 79. MSP Commissioner Goodrow to send letter on our letterhead supporting legislation. Commissioner Love to update letterhead and send out copies by e-mail to members.
4. CSUCI Graduation. Commission members Love, Hillbrant, Howard, Fargo and Kahn volunteered to help at CSUCI graduation on Friday, May 23 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
5. CAL Works Recommendations/Recognition. MSP that Commission recognize CAL Works success stories in 2003. Commissioner Zaifopoulos will send letter to each Job & Career Center to name a client success story from the Ventura County Welfare to Work Program. Nominees' stories will be told and they will be presented with a "three-ladies pin" and certificate at a Tuesday meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Zafiropoulos will contact Lori Flack. She will also invite her to the Young Women's Symposium.

7. COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. Commissioner Hillbrant announced that the Democratic Party Spring Fling would take place on Saturday, April 26. Fliers were made available.
- B. Commissioner Fargo announced that the ACLU holds monthly meetings at the Newbury Park library on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-10 p.m.
- C. Commissioner McAllister noted that Commissioner Warrington is a member of the *Star* Advisory Board.
- D. It was noted that the AAUW list should be added to the Women in History information flier.
- E. Commissioner Goodrow announced a speaker on the Single Payer Health Plan on Sunday, April 13 from 5-7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ventura.

8. Commissioner's Mileage/Hours/Expense Report – March 2003

Joan Adams				
Cecilia Fargo	200	40		
Bea Gan	50	6	\$ 50	
Etta Gillivan				
Diana Goodrow	400	80	100	
Sharon Hillbrant	150	20	20	
Ina Howard				
Eileen Kahn	24			
Jan Lawrence				
Cindi Love		400	90	80
Ruth McAllister	30	10	20	

Elizabeth Wagner	30	5
Bonnie Warrington	135	65
Cynthia York		
Lorii Zafiropoulos	291	30

10. Adjournment: 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hillbrant, Secretary pro tem