

ST. MARY'S COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2009

Attendees: Rose Ann Everett, Pat Friend, Sue Gough, Maureen Johnson, Marta Kelsey, Juanita Nether, Norma Pipkin, Andree Wells, Kathleen Werner

Excused Absence: Cynthia Brown (Commission Liaison, Division Manager, Department of Human Services), Darlene Johnson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Werner at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes from November 17, 2008, and December 15, 2008, were approved as submitted.

The Expect Respect Program is not available for purchase, there is a program which might serve as a replacement called "Choose Respect."

Andree gave a report on the Family Violence Coordinating Council – most of the members are caregivers so the focus is on problems vs. prevention.

Chairperson Werner advised the members that the proceeds from this year's Woman of the Year Banquet would not be available for a scholarship. She had looked into partnering with a 501(c)(3) organization but has been unable to find one since finding out that proceeds could not be used for the proposed scholarship. Considerable discussion was held about the banquet and whether to proceed with same.

On February 7th from 9-11:30 the Optimists are having a program at the Holiday Inn on gangs and child abuse.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is February 23, 2009.