

**St. Mary's County
Commission for Women Meeting
May 11, 2009**

Katie Werner called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm. Members present were: Susan Gough, Pat Friend, Katie Werner, Norma Pipkin, Marta Kelsey, and Darlene Johnson. Members absent and excused were: Juanita Nether and Maureen Johnson. Cynthia Brown, Commission Liaison was also present.

A discussion of minutes followed. Rose Ann Everett, Secretary, has resigned due to health and family reasons. December minutes were accepted. We have no minutes for January 2009. Katie will pull some together from her notes and other members' notes. Cynthia Brown has done minutes for February, which were approved pending appropriate format. March minutes were approved at the April meeting. April minutes were approved pending changes.

Continuing Business:

- a) **Budget:** No expenditures have been made during the month. Our budget balance remains at \$200.
- b) **Membership** discussion was delayed until later.
- c) **Family Violence Council:** Cynthia reported that the meetings were the 4th Wednesday at 5:00 pm in Room 14 of the Patuxent Building. We are still seeking a volunteer for membership on the Council and will approach new members after their appointment in June.
- d) **County Web Site:** Cynthia reported that Stephanie Figeroux has been given access to the web site and can now post our minutes. September, October, November, and December minutes will be posted this week. Hopefully we can clear up any remaining minute approvals at our June meeting.
- e) **Retreat:** Originally scheduled for June 7, it was decided to delay the Retreat/Annual Meeting until August so that new members can be included. The Commissioners will decide on new appointees on June 9th and the appointees will then need time to accept or not accept the appointments. The Election of Officers will be held at that time.

New Business:

- a) The **Retreat** is now scheduled for **Saturday, August 1, from 9:00 – 1:00.** (Mark your calendars.) Marta will check with the Tea Room and make necessary arrangements.
- b) Because the Retreat will not be in June, we will have a meeting on our regular date in June: **June 15, 5:30 pm.**
- c) Because we will not be using the balance of the budget on the retreat, it was decided that we will purchase a new Trifold display for the Commission. Any balance will be used to purchase domestic violence brochures and information to distribute.
- d) **Scholarship status:** Cynthia reported that in our 2010 budget, \$1500 will be set aside for a scholarship for Returning Women to the College of Southern

- Maryland. This means we can raise up to \$1500 through our banquet for a scholarship; any additional funds raised will revert to the county.
- e) **Membership:** A review of applications to the Commission was conducted, followed by the development of a list in prioritized order which will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Kelsey

NOTE:

Next meeting, June 15, 2009 at 5:30 pm, Carter Office Building.

Annual Retreat, August 1, 2009 from 9:00 to 1:00. Tentatively scheduled for the Tea Room at the Maryland Antiques Center, Leonardtown.