

Commission For Women
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2007

Marta Kelsey called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. The following members were present, Darlene Johnson, Sue Gough, Norma Pipkin, Rose Everett and Andree Wells. Pat Friend, Katie Werner, Juanita Nether, Maureen Johnson, and Jennifer Roby are excused.

Announcements: Next Meeting September 17, 2007

Minutes: Some members had not received the minutes. The minutes were independently reviewed but no action was taken. There were some changes noted and those will be shared with Pat and action will be taken in September on July and August minutes.

Marta requested that the minutes include who is responsible for tasks or that an "Action List" be given at the end of the minutes. This will help to jog everyone's memory.

Sue Gough said she had another appointment and had to leave early but she wanted the group to know that she had been in touch with a developer that was interested in developing "affordable housing" starting at \$250,000 if he could find some land in St. Mary's County. Sue went on to say she would be attending some training in September that will teach her how to better serve first time homebuyers.

New Member: Eve Taylor joined the meeting at 6:30PM

Budget: Cynthia Brown joined us and shared the FY 2008 budget with us. Marta asked for clarification and a ruling about if we would be able to spend money we raise in the same fiscal year. Cynthia indicated as long as we have a specific action plan we might request to use funds we raise in the same fiscal year.

Old Business

Women's Equality Day August 21, 2007

The Commission for Women is on the agenda for the County Commissioners meeting tomorrow at 9:05 AM for recognition of Women's Equality Day, August 26. Eve Taylor, Darlene Johnson and Marta Kelsey will represent CFW and receive the proclamation. Marta has purchased balloons and literature to share with the commissioners. Marta gave all of those present a newsletter that she purchased from the National Women's History Project. Marta gave Cynthia the invoice for \$21.08 in order that she might receive reimbursement.

League of Women Voters: Darlene Johnson said she would send Marta an email with a contact so a representative of this group could join CFW for the September meeting. The group indicated they are interested in knowing more about the League of Women Voters. This would be an informal information sharing session for each group to learn more about the other.

Bylaws: not addressed due to the absence of Jennifer.

Family Violence Coordinating Council: Andree Wells stated she and Maureen Johnson had attended the last meeting. She said Pastor Morris of Leah's House was also present. Pastor Morris shared her plans and concept for the property located on Route 249. Darlene Johnson will invite Pastor Morris to the October Meeting.

New Business:

History Project: Marta would like to see us learn more about St. Mary's County women of history. Perhaps we could develop a booklet of persons that have contributed significantly to the

history of St. Mary's County. Margaret Brent came to mind. This would be a great addition to the Women's History banquet in March. Marta will do some preliminary research.

Meeting dates for the balance of 2007/2008 year

September 17, 2007

October 15, 2007

November 19, 2007

December 17, 2007

January 14, 2008

February 11, 2008

March 17, 2008

April 21, 2008

May 19, 2008

June 16, 2008