

St. Mary's County Commission for Women
November, 2006 * Meeting Minutes

Marta Kelsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Carter Building. The following members were present Juanita Nether, Pat Friend, Andree Wells, Rose Ann Everett, Darlene Johnson, Maureen Johnson and Norma Pipkin. Cynthia Brown our Community Services liaison also joined the meeting was excused. No other members indicated they would not be able to attend.

Announcements - Next meeting will be held on December 18, 2006 at Maureen Johnson's home. We will have a potluck and a small gift exchange. The gift should not exceed \$15.00. Please send Maureen an email telling her what you will be bringing to the potluck. Maureen will send directions to her home. Due to limited parking we may want to meet at a central location and car pool.

There will be a Women's History Committee Meeting immediately following tonight's' at Arizona Pizza for

Minutes - The October minutes were approved as written.

Veterans Day - Maureen, Darlene and Rose reported the visit to the Charlotte Hall Veterans home was a very rewarding experience. There were 21 women veterans that were visited and given flowers and a certificate that Stephanie was kind enough to get together at the last minute. One member said she felt honored and that it was a privilege to be involved in the event. Rose suggested that a member might want to visit the facility prior to the event next year. Perhaps a personal meeting would prevent confusion and provide us with more accurate information.

Library Videos – Marta said the videos have been delivered to the library. She went on to tell us we have been invited to put up displays at the library and utilize meeting space for forums, informational events or trainings.

Family Violence Coordinating Council – No meetings have taken place. Maureen will check on the status of the group. Andree shared some websites and funding source information she has researched.

Housing and Female Head of Household Research – Juanita reported she has checked the Economic and Community Development website and the data that is there is not current. She will continue to explore options that will give provide facts regarding St. Mary's County women and their economic status, women as head of household and affordable housing.

Possible Funding Sources – Darlene Johnson will consolidate a list and see what is available.

Unfinished Business - The Domestic Violence Task Force Report was distributed to those present last month. The commission members want very much to support this collaborative effort and encouraged Maureen to share with us ways we can contribute to raising awareness in our community. Commission members strongly believe this is of the highest priority and is one of the most crucial issues for women in St. Mary's county.

Budget Update

Beginning balance \$2,000

Current balance \$1672.40

An additional \$92.00 was spent on flowers. That should leave a balance of \$1580.40

Commission members were reminded of the extensive time it takes to order and receive items. We will need to order for the Health fair and Women's History celebration soon in order to have the items in time for the event.

Health Fair - We will have a table at the Health Fair hosted by the Delicados and Health Partners on February 24, 2007 at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Leonardtown.

Andree Wells and Pat Friend will develop a display for that day. Pat has lots of information on Domestic Violence. Marta will acquire some literature on Social Security

New Business - Marta shared some websites that might have information that members could review and share as appropriate.

Marta read correspondence from Ann Casper of the Maryland Commission for Women regarding health care reform. She will send the website and encourages us to review the information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Minutes prepared and submitted by Norma J. Pipkin