



**St. Mary's County
Commission for Women
Meeting Minutes September 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Norma Pipkin, Chair, at 5:35 p.m. Members present were Norma Pipkin, Juanita Nether, Marta Kelsey, Gretchen Hardman, Krisanne Bentley, Denise Krumenacker, Lynn Fetrell, Jamilliah Thomas and Connie Clausen. Patricia Friend and Meredith Wilkins-Arnold were unable to attend. CFW Liaison, Stephanie Figeroux was also not able to be in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the August 2010 minutes by Juanita, and seconded by Patricia. The minutes were approved as written.

The first order of business was to discuss Budget and Fiscal Procedures, which Marta did an excellence job putting in writing, for all – notes were distributed. There were no changes/comments to Marta's notes. It was noted that any change/recommendation to the Budget must be submitted in writing to Stephanie by Norma (either letter/memo or by email).

Welcome and Introduction was made to our newest member: Jamilliah Thomas – we are so excited to have her on the Commission for Women!

Nothing to report at this time on Habitat for Humanity.

Family Violence Coordinating Council is scheduled to meet next Wednesday (29 Sept) – either Norma or Krisanne will be attending. Norma has been in contact with Laura Webb on coordination of the Domestic Violence Proclamation event (28 Sept or 5 Oct). Domestic Violence month is October. All CFW members are invited to the Clothesline Project on 13 October, at the Lexington Park Library.

Much discussion on DV with regards to CFW role: (1) get together (partner) with other organizations – designed who should be lead and what needs to get done for St. Mary's; (2) get involved with girls clubs within the high schools (i.e., Mentoring programs); (3) Letter of support to the Superintendent – however we first need to discuss and improve what CFW is proposing.

Lynn mentioned that the State was hosting a "Maryland Domestic Violence" training session – (train the trainer), if anyone is interested in attending.

Norma provided up date on the Oral History project. Patricia has made contact with Mrs. Ripley and moving forward on this project.

Public Relations update was provided by Denise on Veteran's Day event – which is scheduled for 11 November at Charlotte Hall (9AM) – CFW will have approximately 1 hour to distribute flowers and certificates of appreciation to women in the Charlotte Hall veterans home (veteran women and spouses of veterans). There were 33 women recognized last year, Denise will order flowers and get with Stephanie on Certificates. Discussions were made to start collecting items to distribute for Christmas – Denise is going to get a list of the number of women and list of needs, as well as the can and cannot have items.

Women's History Banquet has been scheduled for 15 March. Discussions and consensus were made to have 3 awards (1) Life-Time Achievement, (2) Community Service and (3) Young Women of tomorrow (which would be a high school student nominated by their teacher, counselor). Norma will draft a letter to the Superintendent to distribute. Denise will distribute nomination request and bios. Discussion was made to use some of the nominees from last year,

however some information may need to be updated, also she will distribute forms from last year's banquet.

Scheduled separate meeting to begin coordination of the Banquet – meeting set for Tuesday, 28 Sept at 5PM – local TBD.

December meeting will include CFW annual "Holiday" dinner, it was agreed to have this during the 1st or 2nd week of December – Monday thru Thursday). Location TBD - Connie will start to coordinate a location.

New Business items (not on the agenda):

Connie provided information from Sue Smith on her Pajama Connection project.

Norma provided information from County Department of Human Resources, Mr. Walt Briscoe, and his request to come to a CFW meeting to discuss Asset Development (mindset on how we raise children).

October – Norma will have display booth for St. Mary's CFW set up at the County Fair and the Oyster Festival.

02 October: Maryland's Commission for Women will be going to the Jessup Women's Prison, annual event and this is their 3rd, to provide resume writing, dressing for work tips, living, etc to women who are to get out of prison within the next 6 months – any and all St. Mary's CFW members are welcome to attend.

20 October: Maryland's 21st Annual Network on Domestic Violence.

22 October: Department of Aging Health Fair

08 November – Calvert County Hunger Summit.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is 18 October (530PM).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Clausen