

**St. Mary's County  
Commission for Women Meeting  
August 1, 2009  
Annual Retreat  
Chancellor's Run Park**

Katie Werner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Continuing members Norma Pipkin, Pat Friend, Marta Kelsey, and Susan Gough were present. Meredith Wilkins-Arnold, Krisanne Bentley, and Denise Krumenacker were welcomed as new members. Also present were Katie Werner, outgoing Chair whose term has expired, and Andree Wells, former member. Juanita Nether put in an appearance, but was unable to stay. Gretchen Hardman and Heather Herod, other new members, were unable to attend. Cynthia Brown, Commission Liaison, came to make sure everything was set up but had to leave because of an ill child.

The name of a famous woman was placed on the back of everyone attending. We then had to determine who that woman was. It was a great way to get the day started on a light note.

Members were given the opportunity to complete the Myers-Briggs Type Inventory before the meeting formally began. Marta Kelsey then gave an interpretation of the Meyers-Briggs Type Inventory, allowing each woman to determine their personality type.

Minutes for June 15 were approved.

Elections were held: Katie Werner, as out-going Chair presented a slate. Elected were: Norma Pipkin - Chair, Juanita Nether - Vice Chair and Marta Kelsey – Secretary.

Lynn Fitrell had forwarded us a call for nominations for women active in the Domestic Violence arena. Meredith and Krisanne agreed to write up nominations for women they knew and to forward the nominations to the group for approval.

A discussion followed about what we would like to focus on for the coming year.

**Mentoring:** Pat and Susan will look into what is available through the school system and report at the October meeting.

**Oral History with the Historic Society:** Pat will talk to Susan Wolfe at Church on Sunday and get back to us about where this project stands.

**October/Domestic Violence:** Meredith said she would do something for the Libraries and Marta will write a letter to the editor about the issue of Domestic Violence. We will also contact the Commissioners about a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence month. This proclamation will most likely be in conjunction with the Family Violence Coordinating Council.

**November/Veterans Day:** Meredith will try to get active duty personnel to accompany us to the Veterans Home. Denise will set up our visit (Marta will get contact information to her) and try to arrange for photos and a personal story of a woman veteran we can send to the papers.

**December 5/Symposium for Women at P.G. Community College:** Pat will place information in the retired teachers newsletter. We should try to publicize this event in the county.

Everyone provided contact information, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Marta will send out the list this weekend, requesting a reply to make sure it went through.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Kelsey