

St. Mary's County Commission for Women  
Minutes December 14, 2009  
*Writing Women Back into History*

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Juanita moved that the minutes for November be accepted; Denise seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

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The balance in our budget remains at \$1900.

Women's History Banquet:

The Committee has met and has delegated individuals to be responsible for specific aspects of the banquet.

Announcements and PR: Denise

Program: Denise and Marta

Tracking costs and income: Juanita

Fund raising for scholarship: Gretchen

Establishing the scholarship: Marta

Coordination with school, awards, selection of judges for community service award: Norma

The Committee decided to make two awards. One, the Lifetime Achievement Award, will go to a woman in the county who has made significant contributions over a long period of time. The recipient of this award will be decided by the CFW. A number of women were nominated. Denise has asked that background information on each of the nominees be sent to her by 12/17. She will then send out an e-mail to everyone and asks everyone to vote.

The other award, the Community Service Award, will be nominated by organizations or individuals in the community and will be decided by a committee of individuals in the community. Information on the banquet and requests for nominations will be sent out in January.

Marta reported that CSM had sent a draft MOU regarding the scholarship. This has been forwarded to Cynthia for review by the legal and finance departments. It was decided to name the scholarship for a woman in the county, pending her approval. This will be announced in the packet of information. We will ask that person to be the speaker at the banquet. Marta will follow up with Cynthia and contact CSM when changes are made by the county.

The next meeting of the Banquet committee will be prior to our regular January meeting, 4:30 on January 11.

We have the option of moving our meetings to Room 14 in the Patuxent Building instead of meeting as we have been in the Carter Building. It was decided that we will stay where we are.

The business meeting was then adjourned and we had a delightful dinner and gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted,

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