

**Minutes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
October 10, 2011**

Juanita Nether called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present were: Juanita Nether (Chair), Marta Kelsey (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Krisanne Bentley, Terry Hall Denise Krumenacker and Jamilliah Thomas. Members absent were Kyle Bishop, Gretchen Hardman, Sharisse Swales and Meredith Wilkins-Arnold. Stephanie Figeroux, Commission Liaison, was unable to attend.

A discussion of the minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting followed. Christian Mitchell should be "Kristin;" Krisanne Bentley's name and Sharisse Swales' names were misspelled on page one; and Nancy Granssan should be "Grasmick." Marta Kelsey moved to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting as amended; Jamilliah Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all members voting in favor of same.

Budget - we need an update from Stephanie of the status of our budget.

Grant Status - Healthy Relationships. Still waiting to hear on the status and should know something in a couple of weeks.

Family Violence Coordinating Council. Krisanne Bentley gave an update. Buffy is the new prosecutor. Recent statistics were provided. Mediation was also discussed. Judge Bell has indicated that there should be no mediation in domestic violence cases as it promotes a perpetual cycle and does not alleviate the power-control issues in these cases. The next meeting will be on October 26th - this will be an open house.

Banquet. Marta Kelsey reviewed the check-list, deadlines were inserted and she will send it out for everyone's review and reference. Krisanne Bentley moved and Marta Kelsey seconded that Evelyn Holland be given the Lifetime Achievement Award at the banquet. The motion was approved with all members voting in favor of same.

Possible speaker - Nancy Grasmick, the first female Superintendent of Schools in Maryland, has not responded to the invitation to speak, but she has only had the letter inviting her for a few days. Elizabeth Oliver-Farrow is another possible speaker.

Judges - Possible judges are Pat Richardson, the chairs of the Calvert County and Charles County Commissions for Women, Norma Pipkin, Sue Smith and Lynn Fitrell.

Names need to be to the engraver by March 1st. Post cards should be ready to go by the end of the month and the packet should be ready to e-mail at that time. The nomination packet should also go on the County's website. Juanita Nether will send letterhead to Denise Krumenacker for the packets; Denise will do the postcards.

Katie Werner volunteered to contact Pat Richardson about being a judge.

Veteran's Day. Denise Krumenacker will check about Veteran's Day. Last year we had 27 veterans; Denise will find out the number this year.

Domestic Violence Proclamation. This will be on October 18th at 3:30 p.m.

The calendar of events was reviewed. Please note that the Wellness Day is now on February 18, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 14TH
5:30 P.M., ROOM 14
SEE YOU THEN ☺**