

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 2, 2008**

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. The meeting was held at the Women's Club in Solvang and was wheel chair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

First District: (No Vacancies)

Brandy Armenta
Marybeth Carty
Monique Limon

Second District: (No Vacancies)

Magdalena Torres

Third District: (One Vacancy)

Marell Brooks

Fourth District: (One Vacancy)

Jennifer Dolan
Rose Gabaldon

Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)

Harriet Tower

Staff:

Amber Lloyd, EEO Assistant

Guests:

Theresa Sleight, pending 5th District Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky (excused)
Sr. Alicia Martin (excused)

Janine Blum (unexcused)

Phil Moore (unexcused)

B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Brooks welcomed everyone present which was followed by a brief introduction by all. Pending 5th District Commissioner Sleight briefly introduced herself and stated she sits on the Board for the AAUW. She is an attorney and supports professional issues for women.

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

II.

Regular Business

A. Approve: December 2007 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Carty. Commissioner Armenta abstained. Motion was carried.

B. Announcements:

1. Chair Brooks announced the Women's Literary Festival is approaching. The CFW is a sponsor and will be donating 3 scholarships.

2. Commissioner Carty announced that the "Your Name in Lights" event being held on January 9th from 7-9pm at The Carpinteria Women's Club at 1059 Vallecito Rd. This will be a workshop on marketing and publicity for women.

3. Commissioner Carty announced an article written in the LA Times dated January 1, 2008. The article discussed homelessness and the RV program.

4. Commissioner Dolan announced the League of Women Voters has produced a guide for voting. Guides are being distributed in Spanish and English.

D. Accept Oral Report: Chair – Brooks

Chair Brooks reported that the NACW membership fees are now due. Chair Brooks asked Commissioners to consider the budget as they decided if they would like to continue to send in dues.

Commissioner Tower made a motion to pay the dues to the NACW. Commissioner Dolan seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Tower stated she felt it was important to participate and that both Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties were a part of the NACW. Commissioner Carty stated this upcoming year is filled with a lot of activity; therefore it would be a good idea to be a part of an affiliation.

E. Review, Discuss & Act: Resource Guides-All

Commissioner Carty stated she emailed Commissioner Rotnofsky her edited version for the resource guides. EEO Staff Lloyd verified that at the last CFW meeting it was agreed that the paper version would be taken by the Commissioners and returned to staff for a final review. Chair Brooks asked Commissioners if they had any information to give to staff. Because of the misunderstanding, Chair Brooks and Commissioners agreed to the deadline of January 18th to email staff with edited versions of the resource guides. Chair

Brooks stated she would like to have them printed by March to have available for the service awards.

Action Item: EEO staff will resend the electronic version of the resource guides to Commissioners.

Commissioners will edit the resource guides and send information to EEO staff by January 18th, 2007.

F. Review, Discuss & Act: AAUW Presentation-All

Commissioner Tower stated that the presentation will be held after lunch, possibly at 1pm on February 16th. The Board of Supervisors annual report will be a good starting point for the presentation. Commissioner Dolan suggested having handouts. Commissioner Carty stated the event would be a good opportunity to publicize the April CFW event. Chair Brooks and Commissioner Dolan are available to present. Commissioner Carty will possibly be able to attend. Commissioner Tower may be available for questions and answers, if needed.

G. Review, Discuss & Act: CFW Friends Fundraiser-All

Chair Brooks announced the CFW Friends Fundraiser will be in honor of Women's Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Stacey Shepherd, CFW Friends President, has a donation of a chef's dinner for a raffle and is planning for a big luncheon. Ms. Shepherd has reserved a large ballroom for this event which has occupancy of 240. The charge of the facility is \$700 with hopes to find a way to underwrite the fee. Ms. Shepherd will be going this week to put a \$500 deposit. The event will be held April 26, 2007 and will be catered by the hall. Tri-tip and chicken bar-b-que will be served along with a vegetarian option. The hall will charge \$12 a person. Chair Brooks suggested charging \$15 a person in order to have a larger amount of women attend. Many of the details, such as beverages, are still being discussed. The Friends of the Commission will be handling the media. Chair Brooks stated that in the past EEO staff has taken reservations. Commissioner Dolan suggested that the invitations should come from the people sponsoring the event, in this case the Friends of the CFW. If not, it can get confusing as to who has sent in the RSVP. Commissioner Dolan also suggested that each Commissioner be responsible with selling a number of tickets. Chair Brooks stated it would be nice to have Tammy Duckworth speak at the event, but she is not sure if she is within the CFW budget. Commissioner Limon suggested having co-sponsors for the event in order to maximize publicity. Commissioner Carty stated have a co-sponsor would build credibility. Ms. Sleight suggested the 99ers Group which is a local group of women pilots. Chair Brooks stated she will discuss the idea of a co-sponsor with Ms. Shepherd and will invite her to attend the next meeting. Commissioner Gabaldon stated she could try to get cases of wine donated for the event.

Action Item: Chair Brooks will invite Ms. Shepherd to the next CFW meeting.

H. Review, Discuss, & Act: Service Awards-All

Commissioner Gabaldon stated she spoke with Supervisor Gray regarding the 4th District nominee, Young Educated Latina Leaders (YELL) Conference. Commissioner Gabaldon understood Supervisor Gray may have been disappointed with the nominations. Commissioners suggested having some conference participants receive the award on behalf of the conference. Commissioner Dolan stated that Supervisor Gray's assistant called her today with some concerns regarding the nomination. Because the conference is sponsored by a number of parties, Supervisor Gray's office did not want it to seem that the award was given to a political group or cause. After a lengthy conversation, Supervisor Gray's office agreed with the nomination.

1st District Recipient will be New Beginnings Counseling Center. Commissioner Limon stated an approval from Supervisor Carbajal is still needed.

2nd District Recipient is St. Vincent's of Santa Barbara, which was approved by Supervisor Wolf.

3rd District Recipient, Support our Troops, was approved by Supervisor Firestone.

5th District Recipient, Girls Scouts Tres Candados Santa Maria-Orcutt Service Unit was approved by Supervisor Centeno.

A motion to accept the service award recipients pending 1st District Supervisor approval was made by Commissioner Dolan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gabaldon. All were in favor.

I. Review, Discuss & Act: Cal Safe Letter-All

Commissioner Gabaldon stated Cal Safe is a program that helps pregnant and parenting teens continue their education. Funding for the program is getting weak. Commissioner Gabaldon reported the person requesting the letter has been unavailable and requested the item be placed on next month's agenda.

Action Item: EEO staff will place the Cal Safe Letter on the February agenda.

J. Review, Discuss & Act: Legislation and Public Policy Updates

1. Violence against Women: Homeless Women in Santa Barbara-Martin, Rotnofsky

No Commissioner was present to report.

2. Women Veterans- Armenta, Dolan, Limon, Torres

Chair Brooks reported concerns regarding budget cuts and public workshops that were discussed in an article in USA Today.

Commissioner Torres stated she will follow up with Rhonda Murphy as a future guest speaker.

3. Women in Prison/Girls in Juvenile Systems-Chair Brooks, Blum, Rotnofsky, Torres, Tower

Chair Brooks left a message for a potential guest speaker, Devorah Elizalde. She has not heard back from her yet.

K. Review, Discuss & Act: Committee Updates-All

1. Public Relations-Chair Brooks, Armenta, Limon, Rotnofsky, Torres
Commissioners had nothing further to report.
2. Events-Blum, Martin, Rotnofsky, Torres, Tower
Commissioner Dolan suggested a Commissioner per district should contact the recipients of the March CFW Service Awards event.

Action Item: EEO staff will send letters out to Service Award recipients by the end of this month.

A Commissioner per district will contact recipients to ensure attendance to the Service Award Ceremony.

EEO staff will research costs regarding plaques vs. trophies.

3. Nominations-Armenta, Torres
Commissioner Torres asked to be removed from the Nominations Committee. Chair Brooks reminded Commissioners that each Commissioner should be signed up for at least 2 committees according to the by-laws.

Action Item: EEO staff will remove Commissioner Torres from the Events Committee.

L. Meeting with Supervisor-All

Commissioner Tower communicated with her respective supervisor's office and recommended Ms. Sleight to the CFW.
Chair Brooks had a brief phone discussion with her respective supervisor's office.

M. Other Business- All

Chair Brooks discussed the CFW budget and stated that with the upcoming retreat in June, if funds are unavailable a facilitator will not be needed. Commissioner Tower agreed. Chair Brooks also stated that food is not a necessity either, as the CFW can provide their own lunches or potluck.

L. Agenda Items-All

- i. Resource Guides-Final Draft
- ii. AAUW Presentation
- iii. CFW Friends Fundraiser
- iv. Service Awards
- v. Cal Safe Letter
- vi. Guest-Stacy Shepherd, Friends of CFW President

III. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tower. Seconded by Commissioner

Torres. There was no discussion. Motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 6, 2008 at the Women's Club in Solvang.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Lloyd