

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 1, 2006**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A.** Chair Brooks called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission for Women to order at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held at Pea Soup Andersens, and was wheel chair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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First District: (One Vacancy)

Julia Springer

Cynthia Thurber (excused)

Second District: (No Vacancies)

Magdalena Torres
Katie Miersemann
Sr. Alicia Martin

Third District: (No Vacancies)

Marell Brooks
Kelley Kaufman

Janine Blum (excused)

Fourth District: (One Vacancy)

Alice Downs
Sarah Strickland

Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)

Jean Rath

Staff:

Sheila Cirillo, Staff
Ariana Villegas, Staff

B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Staff**C. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

II. Regular Business

- A. Approval of January 2006, Meeting Minutes, motioned by Commissioner Kaufman, seconded by Commissioner Miersemann. Motion carried.

B. Announcements

Commissioner Torres encouraged all to attend the Women's Literary Festival on March 4th at Fess Parker's Doubletree Hotel. Both she and Chair Brooks are very involved in the organization of the event. Commissioner Martin announced a scholarship fund being opened for the children of Monday night's shooting victims in Goleta. Chair Brooks announced that later in the month the Lompoc chapter of the AAUW will host a conference for girls, grades 6th through 11th. Christie Stanely, who is running for office in north County, will be the keynote speaker. Commissioner Strickland also announced a call for anyone knowing young girls, grades 4-6th, and whom attend Adams School, for an event encouraging girls to consider the concept of becoming engineers.

C. Accept Oral Report from Chair Brooks

Chair Brooks appealed to the Commission to look for women who might be candidates for filling some of the vacancies on the commission. She reported on having attended the Roe v. Wade event at the Falkner Gallery last month, and what a success it was. Also touched on was the upcoming revision of the resource directory.

D. Accept, Discuss & Act: Women's History Month Recognition

Commissioner Martin asked for nominations from the five districts. It was decided as follows: 1st District, Planned Parenthood; 2nd District, Girls Inc.; 3rd District, M.U.J.E.R.; 4th District, P.E.O. Sisterhood; 5th District, Women's Economic Ventures. It was decided that a Commissioner from each district will introduce their organization and the presentation, in total will last approximately 15 minutes. The Friends of the Commission for Women are taking care of the luncheon, with the Commissioners bringing dessert.

E. Accept, Discuss & Act: Budget Review

Memberships haven't been used, so the Commissioners were made aware that if there was a membership they'd like to see the Commission join they should let staff know. Also, the Training and Travel line item has been exhausted, but Transportation and Travel, a separate line item, could be used through the end of the budget year.

F. Accept, Discuss & Act: Legislation Reports on Issues**Family Planning:**

Commissioner Miersemann reported that the child interstate abortion act (number unknown) passed the house and is now before the senate. Senate bill 912 was amended on the senate floor and would eliminate the 5% provider cut; the idea of sending letters, either as individuals or as a commission, was raised. Chair Brooks read from the bylaws about the commission taking a stand on a particular issue. It was decided that a member of County Counsel be invited to the April meeting to discuss this issue. Staff will look into who is available.

Education:

Commissioner Down had no report.

Healthcare:

Commissioner Thurber was not present, so no report.

G. Women's Economic Justice Project

Chair Brooks reminded everyone that the WEJP event will be held on March 11th, and that the Commission had voted to have a table there, for a \$25 fee; the Commission had also voted to donate \$1,000 to the event. Senator Sheila Kuehl will be the keynote speaker for the event. Commissioner Miereseemann offered to put together a tri-fold with information on the Commission used for the hand out at the tea in October.

H. Accept, Discuss & Act: Meetings with Supervisors

Commissioner Springer reported that she'd met with Supervisor Carbajal and he seemed interested in the survey that the Commission has discussed, regarding the status of women in the County. The logistics of this were discussed, with Commissioner Strickland reiterating that she would be interested in working on this project, and it was also discussed to partner with a like-minded organization, such as the Women's Center at UCSB, on the project. Commissioner Kaufman said she would try and approach Supervisor Centeno about appointing new commissioners from his district.

I. Accept, Discuss & Act: Other Business

No other business.

a. Agenda Items for March Meeting

- Women's History Month Service Awards Recognition
- Women's Economic Justice Project

III. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Springer, seconded by Commissioner Kaufman to adjourn the Commission for Women meeting at 6:25 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 1, 2006, at 5:00 pm, at Pea Soup Andersens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Cirillo