Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 11, 2007

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 5.03 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	COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
First District: (No Vacancies)	
Monique Limon	Julia Springer (excused)
Brandy Armenta	
Second District: (No Vacancies)	
Dr. Rotnofsky	
Sr. Alicia Martin	
Magdalena Torres	
Third District: (One Vacancy)	
Marell Brooks	
Janine Blum	
Fourth District: (One Vacancy)	
Carmen Chavez	
Jennifer Dolan	
Fifth District: (One Vacancy)	
Harriet Tower	Marina Gordon (unexcused)

Staff:
Ariana Villegas, EEO Manager
Shen Rajan, Staff

Guests:
Lloyd Young, Rotarians in Action for Children at Risk

B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Brooks welcomed everyone present which was followed by a brief introduction by all.

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. <u>Regular Business</u>

A. Approve: June 2007 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tower. There was no discussion. Commissioners Armenta and Blum abstained. Motion was carried.

B. Announcements:

1. The First Lady's Women's Conference will be taking place on October 23rd in Long Beach. Tickets to this event sell out very quickly, so Commissioners who wish to attend will need to inform staff by Friday, the 13th if they are able to attend the conference. Vice Chair Martin had attended the conference last year and informed everyone that it was a good venue to promote CFW visibility as well as the opportunity to network. The speakers at the venue are also very informative so overall this was a very good conference to attend. Commissioners Tower and Rotnofsky informed staff that they would like to attend the conference. Commissioner Blum said she will contact staff by Friday if she is able to attend.
2. AAUW Inter-branch has asked CFW members to speak at their luncheon on Saturday, February 9th 2008. The luncheon will be held at the Royal Scandinavian.
3. Commissioner Rotnofsky passed out brochures on suicide prevention and alliance.

<u>Action Item</u>: Staff will put AAUW Luncheon (Panel Discussion) on agenda for next month.

C . Special Guest: Lloyd Young, Coordinator for "Rotarians in Acton for Children at Risk"

Mr. Young spoke about his experience and background in Brazil working with disadvantaged youth for many years and the benefits of family mentorship for these children. The program in Brazil was very well received. Mr. Young mentioned that they were looking for a similar type program to be implemented here. The program needs to be started from the ground up and a training program for mentor families needs to be established. He asked for CFW's support and assistance in community resources.

<u>Action Items:</u> Staff will look into putting a link on CFW website forthis program.
Put project on agenda for August so that commissioners have time to think of services and resources.
Staff will send a thank you letter to Mr. Young for his presentation and consideration of the CFW.

D. Accept Oral Report: Chair – Brooks

No oral report.

Review Discuss & Act: October Women's Economic Workshop Sponsorship-All

This would be a collaborative opportunity with a community organization (AAUW) and Alan Hancock College. Workshop will be held in Lompoc on October 6, 2007. They are looking for

cosponsors and hope to have 60 participants. Fee is $30.00 per person. Commissioners would like to review agenda information before making a commitment to cosponsor this event.

<u>Action Item</u>: Chair Brooks will e-mail the event agenda and information to staff for distribution to all CFW.

Commissioner Dolan made the motion that barring any unforeseen negative comments or concerns prior to the next meeting, the CFW should sponsor this event. Sr. Alicia seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Chair Brooks asked if anyone had heard anything about the WEJP conference this year. No one had received any such information.

<u>Action Items</u>: Commissioner Torres will contact Marciela and report back to the Commission.
Staff will add WEJP to August Agenda.

F. Review, Discuss & Act: ACCW Quarterly Meeting In San Francisco-All
Next meeting will be held on August 3rd. Chair Brooks will attend. This is a good opportunity to network with the other commissions and see what issues they are pursuing. None of the other commissioners are able to make it to the event at this point in time.

G. Review, Discuss & Act: Resource Guides-All
500 additional guides (North and South) were printed. Staff informed Commissioners that the office has received many requests for the guides and may want to consider another printing. Commissioner Rotnofsky suggested that guides be updated before the next printing. More guides will be printed in the fall after a revision has been approved.

<u>Action Item:</u> Commissioner Rotnofsky will research additional resources for the guides and will e-mail the information to staff.

H. Review, Discuss & Act: June Retreat-All
All commissioners were positive about the retreat and the format. They felt the facilitators kept things moving and that the hour at the end of the retreat without the facilitators was helpful in re-grouping and assimilating the information.

I. Review, Discuss & Act: Annual Report-Limon
The annual report was reviewed by all commissioners and changes were made to various slides. Commissioners would like to present the report to the BOS at the end of September.

<u>Action Items:</u> Staff will put the report on the CFW website.
Staff will make the recommended changes to the draft and e-mail the final draft to the commissioners.
Staff will put the resource guide information on the CFW website.

J. Review, Discuss & Act: Legislation Updates-All
Great American Write In will take place on Saturday, August 25, from 1-3 PM. Their theme this year is “Equal Access to Reproductive Health”. They need volunteers to participate by having a

booth at the event. Commissioners Chavez and Torres volunteered to participate and are in charge of the CFW booth at this event. Event will be held at the Faulkner Gallery.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tower for CFW to participate in the Great American Write In. Commissioner Rotnofsky seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Sr. Alicia abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Staff will pay booth fee for CFW for with commission funds.

K. Review, Discuss & Act: Public Policy Updates-All

1. Violence against Women
2. Women Veterans
3. Women in Prison/Girls in Juvenile Systems

Chair Brooks reviewed the idea of commissioners taking ownership of the above topics which were decided upon at the retreat as a focus for the commission. Commissioners decided on their particular areas of interest:

Violence against Women: Commissioners Martin, Torres and Rotnofsky
Women in prison/girls in juvenile systems: Commissioners Armenta, Chavez, Torres, Dolan and Limon
Women veterans: Chair Brooks and Commissioners Rotnofsky, Torres, Blum and Tower.

Action Items: Commissioner Tower will send web link and issue-related information on the California CFW to staff.
Commissioner Dolan will send articles to the CFW on public policy issues from the California CFW.
Chair Brooks will send Stacy Shepard's e-mail address to Commissioner Torres.
Commissioner Rotnofsky suggested that after a few months, it would be a good idea to have a short breakout session and present on topics that each commissioner has decided to research.

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

1. Legislation
2. Pubic Relations
3. Events
4. Nominations

Commissioners discussed the need for these committees. After a brief discussion, CFW collectively agreed to keep these committees and that all commissioners will participate on the legislation committee. The remaining committees were updated to include the new commissioners.

Action Items: Staff will research term expirations with the appropriate districts.

Staff will revise committee list and distribute at the next meeting.

M. Meetings with Supervisors-All

Commissioner Tower met with Supervisor Centeno. She reviewed the public policy issues that the CFW has adopted. Supervisor Centeno told Commissioner Tower that he thought the focus was too broad and should be narrowed. She also informed him about Commissioner Gordon's absences and to expect a letter from the CFW regarding this issue.

Commissioner Rotnofsky had an informal meeting with Supervisor Wolf who listened to her update on CFW activities and the retreat. There was no formal feedback to the commission.

Commissioner Dolan met informally with Supervisor Gray. She informed the commission that Supervisor Gray remains very concerned about affordable housing for women.

Chair Brooks had a phone conversation with Chair Firestone's assistant about the need to fill the vacancy in the 3rd district on the CFW. They are currently recruiting applicants.

N. Other Business-All

There will be a Community Forum which will be held in the Faulkner Gallery in Santa Barbara on July 25th at 6.30 PM. The forum will deal with the Cold Springs Bridge and address the issue of building a barrier to prevent suicides which was recently denied by Caltrans.
Other upcoming forums dealing with suicide prevention are:

- September 17th at La Colina Junior High School.
- September 18 will take place in Los Olivos.
- September 19th. in Santa Maria, Alan Hancock College.

Information will be forwarded to the office by Commissioner Rotnofsky and distributed to the CFW.

EEO Manager Villegas informed the commissioners about the hiring of a new staff member, Amber Lloyd, whose duties would include supporting the commissions and attending the meetings. Amber will be starting on July 16th and will be present at the next CFW meeting.

O. Agenda Items-All

1. AAUW Luncheon: CFW Panel Speaker Opportunity.
2. Rotarians in Action Project
3. WEJP

Commissioners Dolan and Rotnofsky announced that they will be absent at the August meeting.

III. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Blum. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. There was no discussion. Motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6.52 PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 1, 2007, at the Women's Club in Solvang.

Respectfully submitted,
Shen Rajan