

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 5, 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)

Marybeth Carty
Monique Limon

Second District: (No Vacancies)

Sr. Alicia Martin
Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky
Magdalena Torres

Third District: (One Vacancy)

Marell Brooks
Janine Blum

Fourth District: (No Vacancies)

Jennifer Dolan
Phil Moore

Fifth District: (One Vacancy)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Brandy Armenta (excused)

Rose Gabaldon (excused)

Theresa Fritz Sleight (excused)
Harriet Tower (excused)

Staff:

Amber Lloyd, EEO Assistant

Guests:

Sarita Brown, DPO from the Drug Court Program

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. Regular Business

A. Approve: February 2008 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blum. Motion was carried.

B. Announcements:

1. Chair Brooks thanked staff for a wonderful Women's History Month Resolution presentation and reception.
2. Chair Brooks announced the CFW service awards will be held March 18, 2008 at 11:30am.
3. Chair Brooks announced March 8th is International Women's Day.
4. Commissioner Dolan reported the AAUW Interbranch presentation went well. A power point presentation was used and information was passed out. The CFW was able to announce upcoming events and activities.

C. Special Guest: Sarita Brown, Deputy Probation Officer, Drug Court Program

Ms. Brown stated she has been working with the County of Santa Barbara Probation Department for 13 years and has been involved with the Drug Court Program for 7. The Drug Court Program is a diversion program for youth ages 14-17. Youth are referred to the program by the police department after an offense has occurred. The caseload for this program can be up to 30 and the youth receive intensive supervision from 6 months to a year. The youth all receive drug tests at a minimum of every 5 days, along with surprise drug tests during evenings and weekends. A collaborative team works together to find individual solutions for the youth. The youth's accomplishments are shared in front of a judge, which allows the youth to free themselves of the stigmatism that one needs to be in trouble in order to appear before the court. The youth are exposed to arts, holiday parties, gift packages and community service. If the youth miss an event, they have to make up for it by watching educational videos and writing essays or doing activities to help with the program.

Ms. Brown stated the CFW can help by donating funds through United Way, as long as they designate the funds to go to Drug Court. The CFW can also get involved by being guest speakers at events and attending events to support the youth. The next Drug Court graduation will be held on March 14th at 3:30pm. Ms. Brown will contact Chair Brooks with the court room once it has been established. A movie premiere is another upcoming event. Ms. Brown will contact the CFW with more information as it becomes available.

D. Accept Oral Report: Chair – Brooks

Chair Brooks announced resource guides need to be ordered ASAP. Last year 1000 resource guides were printed for about \$430 and a second order was placed later in the year.

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to print 1000 resource guides (500 North County and 500 South County) at the price of \$430. If the cost to print 2000 resource guides (1000 North and 1000 South County) is less than \$645, then 2000 shall be printed. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

E. Review, Discuss & Act: WEJP Conference-All

Chair Brooks announced the Women’s Economic Justice Project Conference will be held this upcoming weekend. A request to assist with transportation was submitted.

Commissioner Martin made the motion to give \$250 to the WEJP to assist with bus transportation from Santa Barbara County to Oxnard and back. Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion was carried.

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

EEO Staff Lloyd announced press releases have been sent, but have not been published.

Action Item: Commissioners will contact their respective award recipients and inform staff how many people will be attending. .

EEO Staff will email commissioners the press release and the list of newspapers that received the press release. Commissioners will follow up with their respective newspapers to ensure the releases will be printed.

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

Commissioner Gabaldon was not present for discussion.

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to carry the item to next’s agenda. Commissioner Carty seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

H. Review, Discuss, & Act: CFW Retreat-All

Commissioners decided the retreat will be held at St. Vincent’s on Saturday, June 7 at 9am. Commissioner Rotnofsky announced her last month with the CFW will be April. She volunteered to facilitate the retreat. Commissioner Martin stated that since she will also be resigning soon, it would be best for her to do so before the CFW retreat in order for the new commissioner to attend and be aware of the year’s upcoming activities.

Commissioners agreed they would like to keep the cost of the retreat low and will possibly hold a potluck that day.

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

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

Commissioner Rotnofsky works on a committee that focuses on homelessness. She volunteered to search for a speaker to attend a CFW meeting.

Commissioner Martin volunteered to search for a homeless woman to speak to the CFW.

2. Women Veterans- Armenta, Dolan, Limon, Torres
Commissioners had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Martin announced the gang peace treaty with the East Side, West Side, and Goleta gangs. Gangs signed a treaty for peace and will hold barbeques in respective areas on three Sundays.

Commissioner Rotnofsky announced the Glendon Association will be producing youth violence prevention resource guides. She will bring some to the CFW once they are available.

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

1. Public Relations-Chair Brooks, Armenta, Limon, Rotnofsky, Torres
Commissioners discussed service award resolutions and recipients.

2. Events-Blum, Martin, Rotnofsky, Torres, Tower

Commissioner Carty announced the Friends event being held in April held a subcommittee meeting last month. She is working on the budget with Ms. Shepherd, Friends President. Commissioner Carty stated promotion of this event is critical and the topic of the speaker needs to be determined. Flyers need to be distributed ASAP, as there are only 6 weeks until this event.

Commissioner Rotnofsky suggested emailing save the dates with information such as the name of the event, date, time, cost, place, and the guest speaker info.

Commissioners discussed whether the event will be free for all women veterans or only those returning from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Commissioners agreed women veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars will be guests of honor and will receive formal invitations.

Commissioners decided the name of the event will be “Welcome Home: Celebrating Women Veterans”. Commissioners decided the phone number on the flyer will be the EEO office and the RSVP’s will be sent to the Friends of the CFW. The women being honored will have formal invitations requesting their presence at the event. Commissioner Rotnofsky volunteered to donate wine for the event. Ticket prices were decided by commissioners to be \$25. Funds will go to women veterans for scholarships and services.

Action Item: Chair Brooks will send information to Ms. Shepherd so she can create the save the date email.

Commissioner Carty will contact the County Commission for Veterans to inform them of the event.

Commissioner Torres will contact Rhonda Murphy to inform her of the event.

3. Nominations-Armenta

No commissioner was present to report.

K. Meeting with Supervisor-All

Commissioners spoke with respective Supervisors at the Women's History Month resolution presentation yesterday.

L. Other Business- All

Commissioners had nothing further to report.

L. Agenda Items-All

- i. CFW Friends Event
- ii. Cal Safe Letter

III. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. There was no discussion. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 2, 2008 at the Women's Club in Solvang.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Lloyd