

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 7, 2008**

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The meeting was held at the St. Vincent's in Santa Barbara 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

Second District: (No Vacancy)

Carol Fujimura

Jamie Rotnofsky

Magdalena Torres

Third District: (One Vacancy)

Janine Blum

Marell Brooks

Fourth District: (No Vacancies)

Jennifer Dolan

Phil Moore

Rose Gabaldon

Fifth District: (One Vacancy)

Harriet Tower

Theresa Fritz-Sleight

Staff:

Ariana Alvarez, EEO Manager

Amber Lloyd, EEO Assistant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Monique Limon (excused)

Brandy Armenta (excused)

B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Brooks welcomed everyone present which was followed by a brief introduction by all. Newly appointed 2nd District Commissioner, Carol Fujimura, introduced herself to the group. She said that she is a doctoral student at UCSB. She has returned to Santa Barbara after being gone for sometime. She is looking forward to serving on the CFW.

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

II.

Regular Business

A. Approve: May 2008 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dolan made the motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Carty. Commissioners Fritz-Sleight, Gabaldon, Tower, Fujimura, Rotnofsky, and Chair Brooks abstained. Motion was carried.

B. Announcements:

Chair Brooks announced she had pictures from the Veteran's Luncheon.

Action Item: Staff will post Veteran's Luncheon pictures onto the CFW website.

Chair Brooks also stated the Great American Write-In will be held in August. She would like the CFW to commit to this event before August. The event is sponsored by the Pro-Choice Coalition, which the CFW is a member.

Chair Brooks announced a farewell reception will be held at St. Vincent's on Monday, June 9th at 4:30pm for Sr. Alicia Martin, previous CFW Commissioner, and encouraged commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Rotnofsky announced that meetings regarding the Coldsprings Bridge will be held on Monday at Faulkner Gallery in Santa Barbara and in Solvang on Tuesday. Friends of the Bridge are protesting. Mental health professionals would like a protective barrier around the bridge.

Commissioner Rotnofsky also stated that a big debate regarding mental health budget cuts will be next week along with the County's budget hearings.

C. Accept Oral Report: Chair Brooks

Chair Brooks had nothing to report.

D. Review, Discuss & Act: Welcome Home Luncheon Follow Up Report –Chair Brooks

Chair Brooks reported Friends of the CFW President Stacy Shepherd called yesterday to report the event profited \$2500 and approximately 80 people attended. Ms. Shepherd told Chair Brooks she would like to do another fundraiser in the fall of 2008 and have a cocktail party at a private home. Chair Brooks stated that Ms. Shepherd's vision and purpose for the fundraiser is to have an application process at Santa Barbara City College and Hancock College where women and girls can apply for grants. Chair Brooks explained that her interpretation of Ms. Shepherd's vision was to assist women in attending community college. Commissioner Rotnofsky asked what the restrictions would be to use the funding in other areas such as counseling. Commissioner Fritz-Sleight asked about funding being used for seed money for businesses. Chair Brooks stated the guidelines still need to be developed by the Friends of the CFW.

Chair Brooks asked EEO Staff if they heard any feedback from the Supervisors regarding the luncheon. EEO Manager Alvarez stated the Board of Supervisors appreciated this fundraising idea more than the annual tea, as this event was held for a worthy cause. They also stated they would like to see more of these types of events.

Commissioner Carty stated she appreciated the comments from Congresswoman Lois Capps. Chair Brooks stated the audience was very diverse regarding thoughts on war, but they all came together for a common cause. Commissioner Rotnofsky thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

Action Item: Staff will send Ms. Shepherd the minutes from this meeting for review.

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

Commissioner Gabaldon stated there is no longer a need for a Cal Safe Letter. She continued to explain that the County lost all minor parent educational programs because the school districts are no longer funding them. Cal Safe is okay, but programs such as MPP are not. The MPP program is funded by ADA monies. Commissioner Gabaldon explained that enrollment for the program was not handled properly. Santa Maria lost 30 seats, Lompoc lost 4, and Santa Barbara numbers were unknown. The school district is having funding issues and the smaller programs are at risk.

Chair Brooks asked Commissioner Gabaldon if the CFW should write a letter to the County Schools. Commissioner Gabaldon stated she was not sure as more information will be discovered throughout the summer.

Chair Brooks stated the issue should be discussed during the retreat to review what action to take. Commissioners agreed.

F. Review, Discuss & Act: CFW Chair and Vice Chair Elections- All

Chair Brooks stated the CFW had the opportunity to contact EEO throughout the month of May for further nominations. None were received. Chair Brooks was nominated by Commissioner Blum. Commissioner Carty was nominated by Commissioner Torres.

Commissioner Moore moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Dolan seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Blum moved to pass the slate of officers. Commissioner Tower seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

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

1. Violence against Women: Homeless Women in Santa Barbara, Rotnofsky
No update was reported.

2. Women Veterans- Armenta, Dolan, Limon, Torres
No update was reported.

Action Item: Commissioner Torres will forward a newsletter on Monday from Barbara Ward's office.

3. Women in Prison/Girls in Juvenile Systems-Chair Brooks, Blum, Torres, Tower
Chair Brooks stated a study was completed by the Grand Jury regarding prisons. However, the report did not mention female inmates. Chair Brooks stated she would discuss this further during the retreat.

H. 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
Commissioners had nothing further to report.

3. Nominations-Armenta
Commissioner Armenta was not present to report.

I. Meeting with Supervisor-All

Commissioner Carty stated she attended a breakfast hosted by Supervisor Carbajal. There were about 40 attendees who each hold a seat as a commissioner in the First District. Each person was able to discuss what is being done in their respective commissions.

Commissioner Rotnofsky stated she gave a recommendation to her respective Supervisor's staff stating that a neutral party should oversee mental health issues and the relationship with Community Based Organizations (CBO)

J. Other Business- All

Commissioners had nothing further to report.

M. Agenda Items-All

Commissioners had nothing to place on the July agenda. Chair Brooks stated that since the July meeting is so close to the holiday, she suggested the CFW skip the July meeting. Chair Brooks asked commissioners to commit to attending the August meeting to prevent missing two consecutive monthly meetings. Commissioner Torres stated she will not be attending the August meeting. Commissioners Fujimora, Rotnofsky, Tower, Gabaldon, Dolan, Carty, Blum, and Moore will all be in attendance at the August meeting.

Commissioner Tower made a motion to skip the July CFW meeting. Commissioner Rotnofsky seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

August Agenda Items:

- i. Guest Speaker-Karen Skole from Girl Scouts Central Coast

III. Adjourn

Commissioner Carty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rotnofsky seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:10AM. The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 6, at the Solvang's Women's Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Lloyd