

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
August 6, 2008**

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Roll Call**

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:05 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)**

Monique Limon (arrived late)  
Brandy Armenta

**Second District: (No Vacancy)**

Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky  
Carol Fujimura

**Third District: (One Vacancy)**

Janine Blum  
Marell Brooks

**Fourth District: (No Vacancies)**

Jennifer Dolan  
Rose Gabaldon

**Fifth District: (One Vacancy)**

Harriet Tower  
Theresa Fritz Sleight

**Staff:**

Amber Lloyd, EEO Assistant

**Guests:**

Rosalinda Figueroa, Public Citizen  
Karen Skole, Regional Vice President, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Marybeth Carty (excused)

Magdalena Torres (excused)

Phil Moore(excused)

**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**

Ms. Rosalinda Figueroa stated that she works for the Tobacco Prevention Program and that she would like to be placed on an upcoming CFW agenda to discuss the program. Ms. Figueroa stated that she recently moved to the Santa Barbara area from Ventura where she was a Commissioner on the Ventura County Commission for Women.

**II. Regular Business**

**A. Approve: June 2008 Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioner Gabaldon made the motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dolan. Commissioner Armenta abstained. Motion was carried. Commissioner Fritz Sleight stated that her name is not hyphenated.**

**B. Announcements:**

1. Chair Brooks announced that she will be sending a sympathy card to Vice Chair Carty on behalf of the CFW.
2. Chair Brooks announced that the CFW Annual Attendance Sheets were distributed as a handout. Chair Brooks suggested that commissioners discuss any discrepancies or changes with EEO Staff Lloyd.
3. Commissioner Blum announced that she brought a handout to share regarding instructions on letter writing.

**Action Item: EEO staff will scan the letter and send a copy per email to the CFW.**

**C. Special Guest: Karen Skole, Regional Vice President, Girls Scouts of California's Central Coast**

Ms. Skole stated that the Girls Scouts of California's Central Coast was honored to receive recognition from the CFW for refurbishing a homeless center. Ms. Skole reviewed a Girls Scouts fact sheet with the CFW. The new Girls Scout leadership experience focuses on discovering, connecting, and taking action. This summer they will begin an adult recruitment campaign to attract more volunteers that are needed for their time, talent, and funding.

**D. Accept Oral Report: Chair Brooks**

Chair Brooks stated she had been in contact with Ms. Stacy Shepherd, Friends of the CFW President. Chair Brooks stated that Ms. Shepherd informed her that she would like to raise more funds by having a cocktail event in the fall. Commissioner Rotnofsky asked if the CFW will be involved with planning the cocktail event. Chair Brooks stated that she believed Ms. Shepherd would be taking care of the cocktail party planning.

Chair Brooks stated that with the \$2500 raised from the Welcome Home Luncheon and the expected earnings from the cocktail party, Ms. Shepherd would like to begin a scholarship fund at Alan Hancock and Santa Barbara Community Colleges.

**E. Review, Discuss & Act: Women's Equity Day Resolution –All**

EEO Staff Lloyd informed the CFW that the Santa Maria League of Women Voter's would be receiving a resolution at the Board Meeting held in Santa Maria on August 26, 2008.

**Action Item: Chair Brooks and Commissioners Gabaldon, Dolan, and Tower will be present at the resolution presentation on August 26, 2008 at the Board of Supervisor's meeting in Santa Maria.**

**F. Review, Discuss & Act: The Great American Write-In-All**

EEO Staff Lloyd informed the CFW that County Counsel reviewed the CFW's participation in the Great American Write-In and determined that it was a lobbying event. EEO Staff Lloyd explained that because the event was seen as a lobbying event, public funds could not be used to participate. If commissioners chose to participate or pay for expenses independently they could. EEO Staff Lloyd referred the CFW to the County Counsel Memo.

**G. Review, Discuss & Act: Annual Board of Supervisors Report Draft- All**

EEO Staff Lloyd discussed that the annual Board of Supervisors presentation will be in October. Commissioner Gabaldon suggested that pictures from the Girls Scouts and YELL be placed in the presentation. Commissioner Rotnofsky stated that it would be a good idea to pass out save-the-date information for upcoming CFW fundraisers and events.

**Action Item: Chair Brooks will email changes to the 2005-2007 Annual Report to EEO Staff Lloyd who will then send changes to the CFW for review.**

**Action Item: EEO Staff Lloyd will place the presentation on the Board of Supervisors agenda for tentatively October 7, 2008.**

**H. Review, Discuss & Act: CFW Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

Commissioners reviewed the current Committees and Focus Groups 2008-2009 handout. EEO Staff reminded commissioners who did not attend the CFW Annual Retreat that the by-laws state that each commissioner needs to participate in two committees.

**Action Item: Commissioner Armenta will be added on as the Vice Chair for both the Legislation and Nominations Committees.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Armenta will be added onto the Violence Against Women and Children Focus Group.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Limon will be added on to the Public Relations and By-Laws Committees.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Limon will be added onto the Economic Justice and Pay Parity Focus Group.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Dolan will be added as the North Chair for the Legislation Committee.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Blum will be added as the North Vice Chair for the Public Relations Committee.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Gabaldon will be added as the North Vice Chair for the Events Committee.**

**Action Item: Chair Brooks will be added as the North Chair for the Nominations Committee.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Tower will be added as the North Chair for the By-Laws Committee.**

**Action Item: Commissioner Fujimura will be added as the South Vice Chair for the By-Laws Committee.**

- I. Review, Discuss & Act: Review and Approve Updated Action Plan-All**  
Commissioners reviewed the updated action plan.

Commissioner Dolan moved to approve the updated CFW Operational Work Plan 2006-2009. Commissioner Tower seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- J. Review, Discuss & Act: Receive Staff Responsibilities- All**  
EEO Staff Lloyd briefly reviewed the EEO Staff Responsibilities handout. EEO Staff Lloyd explained that the staff responsibilities are for all commissions supported by the EEO Office.

- K. Review, Discuss & Act: Women's Conference 2008-All**  
Chair Brooks announced that the California Women's Governor Conference will be held on October 22, 2008 in Long Beach. Chair Brooks stated that the CFW sponsors two Commissioners to attend the event.

**Action Item: Commissioners Blum and Limon will attend the California Women's Governor Conference on October 22, 2008. Chair Brooks will be an alternate.**

**Action Item: EEO Staff Lloyd will send information regarding the conference to Commissioner Blum and Limon once it is received.**

- L. Review, Discuss & Act: Meeting Facility Donations-All**  
EEO Staff Lloyd announced that the CFW has donated monies to the Women's Club of Solvang for the use of their facility in the past.

**Commissioner Dolan made the motion to donate \$100 to the Women’s Club of Solvang and \$100 to St. Vincent’s of Santa Barbara for the use of their facilities. Commissioner Tower seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.**

**M. Review, Discuss & Act: Focus Group Updates-All**

1. Violence against Women and Children-Carty, Dolan, Fujimura, and Rotnofsky  
Commissioner Rotnofsky suggested that the CFW arrange for guest speakers to attend CFW meetings.

**Action Item: Commissioner Rotnofsky will contact Mr. Ken Williams to speak about women and homelessness at the CFW October meeting.**

2. Economic Justice and Pay Parity-Brooks, Fritz Sleight, and Gabaldon  
Chair Brooks stated that the House passed the Paycheck Fairness Act by a 247 to 178 vote.

Commissioner Fritz Sleight stated that she would like more information on women educating themselves on economics. Commissioner Fritz Sleight stated that she will contact the people in the focus group to discuss further information and discussion.

Chair Brooks stated that in the past the CFW held a forum on women’s economic health and it was televised. Chair Brooks stated that they had a wide variety of speakers attend the forum. Chair Brooks suggested that the forums that the CFW facilitate this operational year should be relative to the CFW Focus Groups.

3. Women and Aging-Blum, Moore, Torres, Tower  
Commissioners agreed they would like a guest speaker to attend a CFW meeting to educate them further on the topic.

**Action Item: Commissioner Tower will contact Ms. Joyce Lippman and ask her to be a guest speaker at a future CFW meeting.**

**N. Review, Discuss & Act: Committee Updates-All**

1. Legislation-Dolan, Fujimura, Gabaldon, Moore, Torres  
Commissioners had nothing to report.
2. Public Relations-Blum, Carty, Dolan, Moore, Rotnofsky  
Commissioners had nothing to report.
3. Events-Blum, Carty, Gabaldon, Torres, Rotnofsky  
Commissioners had nothing to report.
4. Nominations-Brooks, Fritz Sleight, Tower  
Commissioners stated that two CFW seats are available. Commissioner Tower stated that she would like to nominate someone from Guadalupe to represent the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
5. By-Laws-Brooks, Fritz Sleight, Fujimura, Tower  
Chair Brooks stated that the CFW by-laws were updated about four years ago.

**Action Item: Commissioners will bring annual calendars to the September CFW meeting to discuss CFW committees, focus groups, events and guest speakers.**

**O. Meeting with Supervisor-All**

Commissioners had nothing to report.

**P. Other Business- All**

Commissioners had nothing further to report.

**M. Agenda Items-All**

- i. Guest speaker-Rosalinda Figueroa
- ii. CFW Yearly Calendar Review
- iii. CFW Annual Report
- iv. Friends of the CFW Cocktail Party

**III. Adjourn**

**Commissioner Gabaldon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rotnofsky seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.** The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 3, 2008 at the Women's Club of Solvang.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Lloyd