

329 Railroad Avenue Pittsburg, CA

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Obringer, Phyllis Gordon, Dana Wellington, Kathi Reed, Julianna Hynes, Joey D. Smith, Judy Carney and Argentina Davila-Luevano.

**GUESTS:** Nancie Zimmerman, Joan Silva, Mara Gold, Lori Anzini, Maria Chang Corderon, Sharon Sobel Idul, Norlyn Asprec, Lenore Gallin and Nancy Dudami.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The commissioners were asked to provide their names and areas they represented.

All guests were asked to introduce themselves and why they wanted to become a part of the Commission.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call established a quorum.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Obringer informed that the NACW would be holding their quarterly meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Santa Barbara. Ms. Gordon informed that in the past she had attended with Ms. Wellington and Ms. Davila-Luevano.

Ms. Obringer stated that Friends of the Commission donated \$500 to Arms for Care

### **Chair's Report**

Community Events = Ms. Obringer announced that the First Art and Wine Walk would be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 1 to 4 p.m., in Todos Santos Plaza and Salvio Square at downtown Concord. All Commissioners were invited to attend. Tickets are \$15:00 with participants needing to fulfill the age limit. Tickets can be purchased on May 10<sup>th</sup> at <http://concord-ca.aauw.net>. The event is being run concurrently with the high school jazz band.

Brown Act Training = Ms. Obringer informed that the Annual Brown Act Training had to be completed by all commissioners. This training could be found on the Contra Costa County Supervisor website.

May Retreat = All commissioners were asked to attend the Annual May retreat to be held in Pittsburg at 329 Railroad Avenue on May 4, 2013 from 9 to 1 p.m. The commissioners were requested to bring ideas on projects!!

Women's History Luncheon =

### **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Gordon informed that the National Association of Commission for Women (NACW) would be holding a conference call on Friday. She informed that there are 31 Commissions in California and that these commissions are addressing issues specific to women.

Ms. Obringer addressed concern that a young woman had been raped in Canada. Other Commissioners informed that there was public outcry and outrage over several other young women who had been raped. It was recommended that the commissions needed to address some of these concerns and Ms. Wellington informed that perhaps we needed to hold a forum on Sexual Assault.

Ms. Obringer debriefed on the need to support and or donate monies in 2014 to the One Stop Justice Center which would address Victims of Domestic Violence and abuse. She informed that a Grant Writer would be assisting in obtaining the needed monies to support. She informed that this center would rent space to Non Profits (501 (c) (3) and would be located around Concord Bart. Agencies housed in this center would include Dress for Success, Legal Assistance, with the District Attorney's office relocating to this center.

Ms. Gordon informed that on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. the Community Violence Solution would be hosting an event, charging \$15.00. The address is 1635 Pacheco Blvd, Martinez.

### **Approval of March Minutes**

Ms. Davila-Luevano made a motion to approve March Minutes, which were seconded by Ms. Gordon

### **Committee Reports:**

CCCW Website/Newsletter/PR = Ms. Carney stated that the Newsletter will be placed on July 1<sup>st</sup> and that she will need write ups by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She informed that the newsletter will be placed on the website on a quarterly basis. Ms. Carney requested that each Commissioner provide a short biography and Picture in order to place on website.

### **Membership**

Status on New Commissioner Appointments = Ms. Hynes stated that the Board of Supervisors would be meeting and that the Commission was waiting on the appointment approval of Deborah Wood-Campbell.

New Commissioner Recruitment = Ms. Gordon informed that she had hosted an informal meeting at her home with a number of great potential Commissioners. She said that 3 to 4 of the potential members could not make it.

Discussion over why there was a need for two applications for the positions of Commissioner ensued and it was reported that the Commission had developed one for the At Large Members has posted on the website and that the Board of Supervisors had developed one for the County for District Appointments.

Attendance Report = Ms. Hynes reported that Carrie had missed two meetings and that all others are in good standing. It was agreed that a central location for these meetings helps attendance.

Legislative Committee = It was agreed that this committee could utilize new leadership addressing research, and Legislation review so that as an advisory Commission we can make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The commissioners were reminded that as a Commission we can not endorse. And that we could only focus on legislation supporting women and girls. Ms. Reed informed that she could Chair this Committee.

National Conference = Ms. Gordon provided a brief report on the progress of the NACW Conference to be held in San Jose, CA this July. She informed that it was their goal to raise \$40,000. She informed that Ms. Kamala Harris, California Attorney General and Ms. Jennifer Newsome and others had been invited to speak. She stated that the program would feature, the Invisible War, 2 seminars on Rape, Veteran Women, Betty Duke from Wal-Mart, SAVY Life, plus more. Ms. Obringer recommended that a focus on how to meet the needs of Veteran Women in Contra Costa County. She recommended that the committee speak with the Veteran Affairs for further guidance.

Girl-on-girl violence = Ms. Obringer provided a brief historical perspective on status of this project and that a Chair was needed to focus on this project. It was recommended that we focus more on Legislation in this area.

Equal Pay/Financial Literacy = Ms. Hynes reported that she needed members to step up to the plate and assist with this project as the planning is to hold an event in April during Women's Equality day. Ms. Reed, and Ms. Chang Corderon informed that they are willing to assist. Other program discussion centered around funding potentials, and panel discussion such as Gender Equity Dialogue, giving a Hand Up to Women, celebrating and elevating women to higher positions, and presentation on Women in the Trades.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Obringer reinforced that the Retreat would be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 1 p.m. The Commissioners were asked to attend and bring ideas on projects desired.

**Adjournment** = Ms. Obringer concluded the meeting at 8:30 pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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