



Supervisor Candace Andersen's Office
3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The CCCW's mission is, "to improve the economic status, social welfare, and overall quality of life for women in Contra Costa County."

Attendance:

Kirsten Upshaw
Dana Wellington
Kathi Reed
Phyllis Gordon
Stacey Howard
Iris Wong
Lillianna Gonzalez

Absent:

Julianna King-Hynes
Rebecca Loboschefskey
Tracy Ward
Deborah Woods-Campbell
Argentina Davila-Luevano
Joey Smith

Phyllis Gordon chaired the meeting in the absence of Julianna King-Hynes.

Public Comment

Three guests joined the meeting and expressed interest in joining the Commission:
Natalie Oleas, Patricia Ramirez and Anna Luna

Chair's Report



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- a. Joint Brown Act Training – Reminder that certificates of completion are to be returned to Julianna by the end of the year.
- b. Commission Logo – Stacey and Iris are working on ideas to be presented to the full Commission.
- c. December Meeting – location yet to be determined; possibly Dana's office, County Connection, or Candace Anderson's office. We will have a short meeting and our holiday potluck/white elephant gift exchange.
- d. Friends of the Commission – Phyllis distributed the Friends' purpose statement and membership criteria.

Approval of October Minutes – Approval postponed under next meeting.

Corrections on attendance were noted. Joey Smith was in attendance; Kathi Reed was not.

Committee Reports:

a. **Hall of Fame** will be on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. The deadline for submission of nominations has been extended to November 30. We have only received 5 or 6 nominations and typically receive between 30 and 40.

b. **Women in the Workforce:**

The Essentials for Women Entrepreneurs Panel Discussion was held October 29 at the JFK Entrepreneurial Center in Concord. It was an outstanding event with 23 attendees, the most attendees of any panel discussions to date. Each panel member presented a different observation on her journey and was very well received.

Suggestions for future events: Increase the amount of food provided and encourage panel members to continue to promote the event within their networks. Our publicity



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was very beneficial with a number of attendees indicating they learned about the event through social media and the newspaper articles. St. Mary's College Women's Studies program is interested in partnering with the Commission on future events.

The next event will be a teleconference on January 28, 2016. Rosie Aiello with Clear Vista Consulting will talk about getting organized for the year.

c. Cookie Project:

Phyllis -- An all-day Women's Equality Day event is being planned with Pittsburgh High for April 25, 2016. Phyllis will see if Betty Dukes is available as a guest speaker, and also suggested applying for grants from Supervisor Glover and Pittsburg Power Company.

Kathi -- We have lost our contact with Liberty High School, but she has planted seeds with a teacher at the school and will follow up.

d. Public Relations:

Our public relations push is definitely working. Kathi is working on updating the resource section of the website. Lilianna took pictures from the panel event which Iris has now loaded onto our Facebook page. Our Twitter account is CoCoCountyWomen. Stacey reported that the next newsletter will be out in January.

e. Membership:

Phyllis has met with a few potential candidates. There were several women interested in receiving more information about the Commission at the Meet & Greet at Supervisor Gioia's office; Joey, Tracy and Julianna are following up. We need someone to check the email account regularly for additional expressions of interest.



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Announcements & Community Events:

- a. December 8 – East County Women's Initiative will meet at CoCoCounty Wine Store in Brentwood. Phyllis is going and Kathi expressed interest.

- b. January 22, 2016 – California Women's Commission statewide meeting will be held in Sacramento. Phyllis is on the committee and encouraged all commissioners to attend.

- c. The location of our next meeting will be December 15 and the location will be determined at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm

Minutes taken and submitted by
Commissioner Kathi Reed