

Contra Costa County Commission for Women – Minutes 3/20/12 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Carlyn Obringer

In attendance was Dana Wellington, Phyllis Gordon, Karen Peterson, Carlyn Obringer, Argentina Davila-Luevano, Marie McDonald and Nimfa Gamez (Commissioners) and Kerri Ryer, Nati Flores and Gregory Dow (Guests).

Chair's report-

Hall of Fame:

Sponsorships – Argentina reported on sponsorships, including outstanding donations from San Pablo Lytton Casino and Pittsburg Disposal Services.

Tickets – Phyllis reported that due to the smaller number of people (177), the room had to be changed, including the position of the stage. Eighteen tables will be set up instead of the past 30-32 tables. Carlyn commended Kerri for her work in tracking ticket sales. Cindy Gershon overpaid by \$75 and needs to be reimbursed.

Plaques – Phyllis has the plaques.

Program – Program went to the printers on 3/20. More ads were sold this time. Phyllis will pick up the programs.

Entertainment – Despite numerous efforts, there will be no entertainment.

Proclamations – Marie, Carlyn and Kerri are handling the proclamations, with Cecilia handling West County.

Logistics – Everyone should be there at 5:30. Phyllis and Karen will be there before 5. Envelopes will be on tables encouraging people to join the Friends of the Commission. The commission email address should be added and perhaps different giving levels. Due to the guarantee of 200 people, either drink tickets or hors d'oeuvres will be added to make up the difference. The commissioners agreed that drink tickets will be better.

Co-Sponsorship of Get Real Academy:

Phyllis reported on the background of the Get Real Academy, sponsored by the Soroptomists. It is a day for high school senior girls to attend presentations regarding being safe, finances, interviewing for jobs, etc. 250 girls attended this year. The Friends conditionally approved \$500 in support for the event, but the Commission must vote on the expenditure, and there was no quorum with which to do so last month. **It was moved by Marie McDonald, seconded by Argentina Davila-Luevano and unanimously approved to grant support to the Get Real Academy in the amount of \$500.**

East Bay Women's Conference:

Carlyn reported that our tabling went well, and that many people dropped by. Julianna has the email sign up sheet from the event.

Annual Brown Act Training:

The training is required annually for all County Commissioners. The training will take

place on April 2nd at 4:30 PM in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Proclamation for Women's History Month:

The proclamation will be presented by the Board of Supervisors on March 27 at 9:30 AM.

Miscellaneous:

Carlyn met with District Attorney Mark Peterson. He has been presenting on bullying. The DA's office just received grant funding for this, and Carlyn will sit down with the staff person working on this. Phyllis spoke with Joe Ovick two weeks ago; this would be a good potential partnership to pursue after the Hall of Fame. A strategic planning retreat will take place in April or May of this year instead of August.

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Approval of February Minutes -

It was moved by Phyllis Gordon, seconded by Argentina Davila-Luevano and unanimously approved to accept the February 2012 minutes as submitted.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Peterson, Vice Chair