

**Commission Members Present:** Rose Ann Everett, Pat Friend, Marta Kelsey, Norma Pipkin (left early), Andree Wells and Kathleen Werner. Also in attendance were Jennifer Elkins (who was nominated for membership during course of meeting) and Ashley Evans.

**Commission Members Absent:** Darlene Johnson, Maureen Johnson, and Juanita Nether (all of whom were excused).

**Staff Present:** Cynthia Brown.

The Meeting of The Commission for Women commenced at 5:35 p.m.

New commission member Jennifer Elkins was introduced. She works for Lifestyles in La Plata.

### **Woman of the Year Dinner**

- The dinner will be at the Tech Center and the students will be preparing the food. There will be a red meat, a chicken or fish dish, and a vegetarian entrée available.
- The dinner will be buffet style.
- The cost will be \$9.00 - \$10.00 per plate and we will be charging \$15.00 a plate for the dinner.
- Julie King will be the guest speaker.
- We can have bud vases for the tables at the cost of \$3.00 to \$4.00 each.
- Right now we don't have any entertainment lined up.
- We should try to be there by 6:00 p.m.
- A head count is needed by March 22, 2007.

The possibility of doing an interview with The Enterprise was discussed. This would be a good opportunity to get the word out about the dinner. Marta Kelsey will contact the paper.

Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. is the Women's History Month proclamation with the County Commissioners. Any member who can come is welcome to be there for the proclamation. Please advise Marta Kelsey if you are able to attend.

- The members unanimously voted to provide a \$100.00 gift card from The Café Des Artistes to the guest speaker.
- The goal for all decisions to be made with regard to the dinner is March 12, 2007.
- There will be a meeting on March 12, 2007, to discuss the program for the dinner. Norma Pipkin will contact members regarding time and place.

### **Announcements**

- There is a card for everyone to sign for Maureen Johnson. Marta Kelsey will keep us up to date on her condition.
- The next meeting is March 19, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

### **Minutes**

- The minutes from the January 22, 2007, meeting were reviewed. Kathleen Werner moved and Rose Ann Everett seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried without objection; Jennifer Elkins abstained.

### **Reports**

- There is a new Public Information Officer.
- Andree Wells will attend the Family Violence Coordinating Council Meeting on February 28, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. due to Maureen Johnson's illness; they know that Andree will be attending as a substitute for Maureen Johnson.
- There was a lot of interest generated by the Health Fair. We had 45 names in the door prize drawing.

### **Old Business**

- By-laws. Committee to review and recommend changes to the commission members – Jennifer Elkins and Marta Kelsey. Once the commission decides on changes they will be submitted to the County Attorney for review and then to the County Commissioners for approval. Pat Friend provided her copy of the By-laws to Marta Kelsey who will get a copy to Jennifer Elkins. They will try to have a rough draft for review at our next meeting.

### **New Business**

- Legislative briefing at the Montgomery County Commission for Women – no one from our commission was able to attend (it was on January 28, 2007).
- Women's History Month – please let Marta Kelsey know if you're able to attend the proclamation.
- Margaret Brent Lecturer – Maureen Dowd cancelled her appearance, Marta Kelsey will advise when this has been rescheduled.
- If anyone becomes aware of additional events celebrating women's history month, please advise Marta Kelsey.
- Health care reform – still in progress. Cynthia Brown will forward the information when she gets it.
- Women's History Month posters to schools and libraries – need blanket approval (from supervisor Kathleen Lyons). Pat Friend: Great Mills and Spring Ridge; Andree Wells: Esperanza; Marta Kelsey: Chopticon, Margaret Brent and Leonardtown.
- Name Badges – if you don't have one please advise Cynthia Brown.
- Start thinking about the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen M. Werner