

St. Mary's County Commission for Women  
Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2006

Cynthia Brown called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM in the Carter Building. The following members were present Norma Pipkin, Dora Hanna, Ceandra Scot, and Maureen Johnson.

Community Business and Internship - Ceandra and Dora shared the resumes of the students Ms. Smith identified. Members reviewed the resumes and looked for characteristics that would indicate that person would be a desirable candidate for this pilot program. Ceandra was to get back in touch with Ms. Smith to further discuss some of the recommendations. The training will be held on June 10, 2006.

Dora has developed an outline of the training. Members will present and facilitate different sections of the training. Committee members will serve as mentors to each of the students chosen for the internship. Norma Pipkin and Pat Friend volunteered to assist the committee members as mentors.

Additional funds will be used for purchasing appropriate gifts for the students. Suggested items included a gift bag with a planning book and pen and pencil set.

Budget Development - Cynthia Brown said she has placed orders for the brochure holders requested by the police. She also ordered badges and business cards for the members. She said the business cards could be printed.

Leah's House - Cynthia reported that she and two members of the commission had attended a meeting at the library after the last CFW meeting. Pastor Morris gave a power point presentation and announced she has received a \$50,000 matching fund grant to start a shelter in St. Mary's County. Cynthia will talk to pastor Morris about fund raising opportunities.

CFW Website - Cynthia said there was no new information regarding the website. She has shared the changes that need to be made with Susan Wolfe and expects that the website will be up and running soon.

Women's fair - Maureen is excited about planning and hosting the first Women's fair in St. Mary's County. This is an opportunity for business that are owned or operated by women to be showcased.

Next on the planning committee's agenda are sites, and establishing timeless.

Domestic Violence Task Force - Cynthia indicated the County Attorney would be drafting a resolution for the board of County Commissioners to establish Domestic Violence coordinating committee.

Cynthia reported that Susan would be writing a letter to the County Commissioners requesting that CFW have a seat on the Domestic Violence coordinated Council.

Bylaws - No new information

Planning retreat - Possible dates for the planning retreat were discussed. For late July or early August and that would serve as the meeting for those two months. Cynthia tried to reach Pat Johnson, but she has not heard from her at this time.

The next CFW meeting will be June 19, 2006.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Norma Pipkin