

St .Mary's County Commission for Women June, 2006 **Meeting Minutes**

Marta Kelsey called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM in the carter building. The following members were present Norma Pipkin, and Maureen Johnson.
Cynthia Brown our Community Services liaisons joined us for part of the meeting.

Announcements

Susan Wolfe has resigned from the Commission. This will create a vacant officer Position. There was some discussion as to rather we need to address an officer change in the bylaws creating a co-chair in place of a vice chair position.

There will not be a meeting in July. A planning retreat is scheduled for august 5, 2006 at the Chancellors Run Teen Center.

Selma Pugh, Care Coordinator for the Family Access Center, joined us. She shared with us the goal of a new state mandated program to provide improved community based services. Zelda can be reached at 301-475-6664. Her role is research and referral on any community need.

Community Business and internship

A training feedback form was shared. This form will be distributed to the members that participated in the training that was held on June 10, 2006. Three students out of the eight were present. Some of the students were seniors and went to Ocean City for senior week. One parent was present. Some of the members that have offered to be mentors have not been contracted regarding their assignment. Commission members present at this meeting were unsure of the follow-up with those interns that were not at the training and were looking forward to a full evaluation of this endeavor.

Budget Development

Cynthia Brown announced that our budget for the upcoming year would be \$ 2,000. This represents a significant increase over last year's budget.

The nametags have been order.

Brochure3 holders have been order

Cynthia said we sent about \$250.00 on food for the training.

Planners and mugs were distributed to the student interns.

CFW Website

Cynthia said she believes the CFW website is up and current.

Women's Fair

The members decided they would wait until after the retreat to plan the Women's fair. This is an opportunity for businesses that are owned or operated by women to be showcased. Next on the planning committee's agenda are sites, and establishing timelines.

Domestic Violence Task Force

A draft of a letter addressed to the commissioners requesting representation on the Local coordinating Council on Domestic Violence was reviewed. Ideas and input were shared and Marta agreed to revise the letter based on the input she received and distribute to the membership and Cynthia for their approval.

Bylaws

No new information. Marta will check on the status of the revised bylaws with Cynthia Brown.

Planning Retreat:

August 5, 2006, Chancellors Run Regional park Teen Center. At this time we do not have anyone to facilitate the meeting. Cynthia and members will continue to explore possible facilitators.

Norma, Maureen and Marta discussed how the retreat could be structured. Martha will set the agenda for the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Minutes prepared and submitted by Norma Pipkin