

Commission for Women (CFW)

June 16, 2008

Katie Werner called the meeting to order at 5:50pm. The following members were present: Marta Kelsey, Rose Ann Everett, Kathleen Werner, Andree Wells, Junita Nethers, Darlene Johnson and Norma Pipkin. Susan Gough, Maureen Johnson, Pat Friend and Eve Taylor were absent. Cynthia Brown, our St. Mary's County Commission Liaison was present.

Approval of Minutes : The minutes from the 17 May meeting were approved with corrections previously submitted.

Budget Discussion: Cynthia informed the group that it is too late in the county fiscal year to encumber funds. We need to define our plans early on in the fiscal year. Several recommendations were introduced such as: using Banquet funds for scholarships, donation to Domestic Violence committee, investigate how we could support the Leah's House project. Marta suggested that we think about this and discuss at our next meeting or at least by the fall.

New Business: Marta Kelsey stated the College of Southern Maryland is applying for a grant to provide a weekend college for returning women. Norma Pipkin made a motion that the CFW provide a letter of support for the grant application, Juanita Nethers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marta offered to draft the letter for Chairperson Werner's approval and signature.

Certificate of Appreciation: Katie presented Marta Kelsey with a Certificate of Appreciation Award for her leadership role as Chairperson for the Commission on Women over the past two years.

The next meeting will be 21 July 2008.

Marta Kelsey moved the public portion of the meeting be adjourned and the CFW go into executive session to discuss the current membership, Darlene Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.