

**Commission for Women
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2007**

Commission members present – Marta Kelsey, Pat Friend, Andree Wells, Maureen Johnson, Juanita Nethers, and Sue Gough.

Those absent were Rose Ann Everett, Norma Pipkin, Darlene Johnson, Katie Werner, Jennifer Ellen Roby and new member Eve Taylor.

Announcement: Next meeting is August 20, 2007 at the Governmental Center. Maureen Johnson was welcomed back after an absence due to illness. Sue Gough was introduced as a new member to the commission.

Old Business: An annual report will be discussed and finalized at our August meeting. Pat Friend read a report on our retreat in June. One of the items discussed at our retreat was the fall summit. The issue of funding was primary due to the necessity of appropriation that is needed for the proposed summit. Jennifer, Andree and Maureen will compile a list of organizations that would like to attend the proposed summit. Jennifer volunteered her time to work on the PR aspect of the commission. She will be getting involved with the local government website which will be a great asset in the gathering of information. Sue Gough presented information on low income – work force housing. She investigated various organizations and compiled what information was available thus far to the public. This will be a primary focus for Sue this year.

Andree gave a report on the Domestic Violence Task Force. She will continue to meetings. Many issues concerning the task force were discussed. Some of the problems of communication will hope to be solved in the future.

New Business:

- A group plans to attend the County Commissioner meeting on August 21. The objective is to file an agenda for the proclamation on Women's Equity Month August 26.
- Frances Eagen will be asked to attend our meeting in August to update us on the State Women's Commission.
- A report on the present and requested funds was tabled due to the absence of Cynthia. These issues will be discussed in August.
- A representative of the League of Women Voters will be asked to attend our September meeting. This will enlighten us on what other organizations are doing in St. Mary's County.
- A proposal to Cynthia will be made to get us on the County Commissioners agenda in October to present al all inclusive proclamation.
- Veteran's Day is in November and a committee was formed to buy flowers and present them to the female veterans and spouses of veterans at the home in Charlottes Hall. Andree, Jennifer, Sue and Juanita volunteered to be on this committee.

The very productive meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. with a positive outlook for the future.