



**St. Mary's County
Commission for Women
Meeting Minutes October 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Norma Pipkin, Chair, at 5:35 p.m. Members present were Norma Pipkin, Juanita Nether, Marta Kelsey, Gretchen Hardman, Krisanne Bentley, Denise Krumenacker, Jamilliah Thomas, Meredith Wilkins-Arnold and Connie Clausen; and Stephanie Figeroux, CFW Liaison and Lynn Fitrell, MD State CFW representative were also in attendance. Patricia Friend was unable to attend.

Several changes were made to the September minutes, following a motion was made to approve the September 20, 2010 minutes by Marta and seconded by Denise. The minutes were approved as revised.

The first order of business was to discuss Budget; Stephanie informed us that the budget remained the same (no change from last reporting).

All names tags have been ordered.

Family Violence Coordinating Council - Krisanne attended the meeting that provided Review and Training – however nothing significant to report. There is another scheduled meeting on 27 October – in the Chesapeake Building and will provide more training, Krisanne will provide update at our next meeting.

Air it out, Clothesline Project on 13 October was attended by Meredith and Norma.

Norma had a booth display set up at the Oyster Festival and had a great turn out – commented that all the “Love” brochures were gone – Lynn will to get more.

Veteran's Day event is scheduled for 11 November with Krisanne, Gretchen, Denise, Lynn and Pat to attend. Approximately 27 women will be provided flowers and certificates. The Veteran's home request the certificates be provided to them and they will fill in the names (privacy information/concern) – Stephanie will forward power-point file with blank certificates). Denise will pick up certificate folders from Stephanie to deliver to the Veteran's Home.

Christmas (Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home) – Denise is working on date when CFW can provide items, and requested all start to soliciting stores/shops (Wal-Mart, Hair Cutter, Belks, Penney's, Mary Kay, Avon, etc) for items to provide (nail polish, cotton balls, make-up, lotion, gift cards, pencil sharpeners, etc). Items will be collected at our December 6 meeting.

Oral History project - Pat is on vacation, no news to pass at this time, she continues to move forward on this project.

December meeting – is scheduled as “Holiday Party” at D.B. Macmillan's 6:30 PM – gift exchange \$10 limit.

Women's History Banquet has been scheduled for 16 March. Denise will distribute email for a vote. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1 November – Denise will send email to follow up.

New Business items:

Krisanne suggested we look at moving our meetings to another location, to have access to cell phones due to children/family/emergencies. Stephanie is to look into having our meetings moved to Potomac Building, room 14 or the Human Services library.

Stephanie mentioned "Christmas Caring". Persons that receive some social services benefits will receive an application. Human services will be looking for organizations or individuals to sponsor families. The families that are the most difficult to get sponsors for, are the ones with teens.

Calendar Event:

20 October: Maryland's meeting on Network on Domestic Violence, annual meeting and 30th anniversary celebration.

22 October: Department of Aging Health Fair

08 November – Calvert County Hunger Summit.

15 November (5:30 PM) - Our next regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Norma at 6:50 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Clausen