

**Minutes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
November 13, 2012**

Denise Krumenacker called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present were: Denise Krumenacker (Chair), Meredith Wilkins-Arnold (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Kyle Bishop, Terry Hall, Sharisse Swales, Jamilliah Thomas and Karen Ann Talbott. Members absent were Susan Brookbank and Vickie Huss.

Denise Krumenacker advised all present that Susan Brookbank had submitted her resignation.

Minutes - There are no January meeting minutes submitted for approval. Vickie Huss was not in attendance to present the September minutes for approval. The October minutes were reviewed. Katie Werner moved and Karen Ann Talbott seconded approving the October minutes as submitted. There was then a discussion regarding the minutes; there were a few corrections. Following the discussion Meredith Wilkins-Arnold moved and Sharisse Swales seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed with no opposition.

Budget - we have used a little under \$300.00 of our budget to date.

Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home - Jamilliah Thomas reported on the presentation to the female residents on Veteran's Day. A couple of the women did not want the flowers due to allergies or other reasons. They started the presentations a little before 2 pm and left a little after 3 pm. The certificates were a nice touch. In addition to Jamilliah, Karen Ann Talbott, Terry Hall and Denise Krumenacker attended.

Family Violence Coordinating Council update will be tabled until the next meeting as Vickie Huss was not present.

Maryland Commission for Women Leadership Institute. Denise Krumenacker and Kyle Bishop attended about two weeks ago. With our resources St. Mary's County does really well compared to others in the State. The CFW is a hub for information in a lot of counties. It was suggested that we poll the needs of women in the local area - they will provide the survey. This is something that we might be able to advertise on Channel 10.

Christmas Family. There were four families to choose from; we chose two of them to provide presents for. Karen Ann Talbott will circulate the wish list to the members and we can let everyone know what we will provide. Gifts can be brought to the next meeting, which is our Christmas gathering.

Volunteer applications for new members to the CFW were reviewed. There were four applications provided for review. After discussion there was one recommendation which Denise Krumenacker will let the Commissioners know who we recommended.

Awards and Banquet. The Speaker has been confirmed - Barbara Bell is a retired Navy Captain who resides in Oregon. Meredith Wilkins-Arnold and Jamilliah Thomas will work on her biography. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to Ella Mae Russell. Kyle Bishop will

work on Woman of the Year judges with Sharisse Swales. Jamilliah Thomas and Meredith Wilkins-Arnold will work on Woman of Tomorrow judges. Latrise Carr might be interested. They will try to have the judges lined up by December 7th. The applications are due on January 16th. There have been a few requests for applications.

There will not be a meeting in December because of the Holidays. Our Christmas gathering will be at Karen Ann Talbott's house. She will prepare the meal and let us know the cost per person.

Meredith Wilkins-Arnold moved and Karen Ann Talbott seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with no opposition and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary