

**St. Mary's County Commission for Women**  
**Minutes February 16, 2010**  
*Writing Women Back into History*

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Chair Norma Pipkin. Members present were Juanita Nether, Connie Clausen, Pat Friend, Norma Pipkin, Denise Krumenacker, Candace Butler, and Marta Kelsey. Members absent because of the change of date due to weather and holidays were Meredith Wilkins-Arnold, Krisanne Bentley, Gretchen Hardman, and Susan Gough. Cynthia Brown, our liaison, was also absent due to another commission meeting.

First on the agenda was to welcome our two new members, Connie Clausen and Candace Butler, and make introductions. We're pleased to have them aboard. For their benefit, we made a brief review of our various projects and focus.

January minutes were reviewed and approved.

Our budget balance, as far as we know, still stands at \$1900.

**March Banquet Update:**

- The mailing went out later than we had hoped due to weather, but it has gone out. The deadline for nominations is February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Denise and Marta have met to lay out the program and they will begin finalizing it in word. It can't be completed until nominations are in so brief bios of nominees can be included.
- We still do not have entertainment lined up. Lynn Fitrell (Maryland Commission for Women member) was checking with someone in the school system; Norma will check with her. Pat will check with someone she knows and Connie will check with someone she knows. Both will get back to Norma within the week.
- Norma reported that the menu has been set.
- A panel of judges has been set by Norma to review the nominations and determine who our Woman of the Year will be.
- The scholarship has been finalized; Norma distributed copies of the signed Memorandum of Understanding between the College of Southern Maryland and the Commission for Women. Now all we need to do is fund it.
- The Enterprise is planning to do an article on Viola Gardner.

**Oral History Update:** Pat reported that the project is on temporary hold due to the weather. Candace said that her employer has assisted with putting together copies of interviews in the past, making copies available to local schools and libraries. She will check to see if they would be willing to provide that service for our interviews. This would be a tremendous help.

**Women's Wellness Day:** Juanita reminded everyone to register if they plan to attend Wellness Day, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 2:30. They need to know how many will be there to provide food. CFW will have a table and will distribute information on the

Commission and Domestic Violence. Marta will get the display materials and handouts from Cynthia and Stephanie and will order more materials from the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. Gretchen, Marta, Connie, Denise, Norma and Juanita have agreed to “woman” the table during the day. We will give a small door prize to attract people to our table.

A Banquet Committee meeting will be held March 1 at 5:30.

Our next regular meeting will be held March 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Kelsey, Secretary

### **Announcements**

- **3/6/10** A wine tasting at the Dougherty Center from 6-8 pm to benefit Christmas in April since their primary source of funding, the Farm Life Festival, will not be held in the future. \$20/person
- **3/13/10** A Christian Concert at Lexington Park United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm to raise funds for a youth, People to People European Trip.

### **Action Items**

- Pat, Gretchen, and Lynn will get back to Norma regarding entertainment possibilities.
- Marta will send out a revised schedule for Wellness Day and will collect CFW materials from Cynthia and Stephanie.