

St. Mary's County Commission for Women
Minutes May 17, 2010
Writing Women Back into History

The meeting was called to order by Norma at 5:35. Members present were Krisanne Bentley, Pat Friend, Juanita Nether, Connie Clausen, Denise Krumenacher, Gretchen Hardman, Norma Pipkin, and Marta Kelsey. Stephanie Figerox, County Liaison, was also present. Candace Butler and Meredith Wilkins-Arnold were unable to attend.

The April Minutes were approved.

We discussed the **budget**. Stephanie is waiting for a revised invoice from the Tech Center for the banquet dinner. She has processed the invoice for the trophies for our Women of the Year. Stephanie was able to pay for the judges' dinner through the Community Services Budget.

As of now, our funds have been spent and it doesn't appear there will be any extra for the scholarship. The revised invoice from the Tech Center might give us some extra.

Marta reported that just after the banquet, the JHS **Scholarship** had approximately \$125 in it. She will check with the college and get an updated figure.

Stephanie said that Community Services will write a check for \$1500 for the scholarship and asked us if we wanted her to send the check directly to CSM or if we wanted to make a formal presentation to CSM. We will let her know at our June meeting.

Norma has been asked to attend the Lexington Park Rotary Club meeting on June 21 with Jane Sypher. She was originally going at an earlier date, but this was changed since Jane would not be able to attend. Marta will get pledge cards and scholarship flyers for Norma to take to the meeting.

Krissanne attended the last Family Violence Coordinating Council meeting in April. The meeting focused on a demonstration of a multi-disciplinary team which brought resources together to deal with family violence events. She also reported that they are exploring the role of mediation in domestic violence cases and will bring in someone to try it. Walden has reported an increase in the number of participants in their Anger Management program. One focus is now on education to prevent inappropriate relationships in the future. Walden and Social Services said they are working with health classes and giving presentations in the schools. Norma suggested that we formally recommend more education at the middle and high school levels regarding appropriate and healthy dating relationships.

Pat said that the Oral History Project was having difficulty in getting the project going. They have three women lined up to interview but still need to work on getting someone to record the interviews. One possibility is to use Room 14 in the Patuxent Building; Stephanie will check into this.

Juanita presented a partial slate of officers for 2010. Norma Pipkin as Chair, Marta Kelsey as Vice Chair. Connie Clausen volunteered to run for Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Kelsey
Secretary