

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

Juanita Nether called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Members present were: Juanita Nether (Chair), Marta Kelsey (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Krisanne Bentley, Terry Hall, Denise Krumenacker, Sharisse Swales, Jamilliah Thomas and Meredith Wilkins-Arnold. Members absent were Kyle Bishop and Gretchen Hardman. Stephanie Figeroux, Commission Liaison, was unable to attend.

Minutes - The January meeting minutes were not ready for review and will be discussed at the March meeting.

Budget - The budget was not reviewed as Stephanie Figeroux was unable to attend the meeting.

Healthy Relationships Program - Juanita Nether provided an update on the Healthy Relationships program. The final meeting will be on February 21st between 2 and 4 at the safety office; at this time she expects to be advised of the times of the performances. The dates are currently scheduled to be the 13th, 14th and 15th; we will have a table set-up for the evening performance. Juanita will send the information to Jamilliah and she will work to get member attendance scheduled for each of the school performances. Marta will work on the introduction. We have received \$250 for each school so we can provide an ipod and gift cards for the student drawing to encourage them to complete the survey at the end of the performance; the money is going into the contribution account. At the meeting on the 21st they will determine how the evaluations will take place ~ the college and Board of Education are working on this.

Family Violence Coordinating Council - Krisanne Bentley gave an update for the Family Violence Coordinating Council. She will be attending Trauma Integrated Project training at Walden on Wednesday for a grant; they will be learning about RICH (Respect, Information sharing, Connection and Hope) relationships. Between August of 2011 and December 2011 sexual assault cases against children between the ages of 0 and 6 years were the highest recorded. They are seeing an increase in physical abuse cases; there have been 15 new cases since September. The FVCC will be doing a fatality review on February 29th. They have also noted an issue with violent offenders becoming repeat offenders.

Banquet. The judges have the information and letters (two Woman of Tomorrow nominations were missing essays). The nominees and nominators also have letters and registration forms. Letters have been sent to dignitaries; letters need to be sent to the scholarship recipients. We received 5 nominees for Woman of Tomorrow and 6 nominees for Woman of the Year. Juanita will check with Stephanie about her daughter providing entertainment.

Wellness Day. Wellness Day is this Saturday and starts at 8 a.m. Jamilliah is putting together the gift basket. Marta and Jamilliah are scheduled to work from set-up until 2, Katie is scheduled to work from 10 until 12; Sharisse is scheduled to work from 12 until 2; Denies will work from 12 until 3 and help with the take-down. Juanita will bring registration forms. Everyone is encouraged to bring items to put into the gift basket.

Banquet - Additional discussion about the banquet - discussion about the program.

Welcome - Juanita Nether
CSM Scholarship - Jane Sypher
Introduction of Elected Officials - Cynthia Brown/Lori Jennings-Harris
Guest Soloist - ???
Invocation/Blessing - Rev. Meredith Wilkins-Arnold
Dinner
Lifetime Achievement - Juanita Nether
Keynote Speaker - Gretchen Hardman
Woman of Tomorrow - Krisanne Bentley & Sharisse Swales
Woman of the Year - Denise Krumenacher & Jamilliah Thomas
Soloist(?) - ???
Closing

Scholarship Winners - someone from college(?)/Jane Sypher(?)

Registration - Katie Werner & Terry Hall

Scholarship Table - Marta Kelsey

Denise Krumenacher moved to adjourn the meeting, Krisanne Bentley seconded the motion; the motion was approved with all members voting in favor of same. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 12th
5:30 P.M., ROOM 14
SEE YOU THEN ☺**