

St. Mary's County Commission for Women
Minutes June 20, 2011
Our History is our strength

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair Norma Pipkin. Members present were: Gretchen Hardman, Marta Kelsey, Denise Krumenacker, Juanita Nether, Norma Pipkin, Jamilliah Thomas, Kyle Bishop, Sharisse Swales and Stephanie Figeroux, county liaison. Krisanne Bentley, Pat Friend, and Meredith Wilkins-Arnold were unable to attend.

The May minutes were approved.

Norma reported that we should expect the new Bylaws soon.

She also reported that the letter to Montgomery County regarding de-funding of the Commission for Women we discussed last month has been sent.

Healthy Relationships Update:

We are purchasing 310 scripts of the play "don't u luv me" to be used in the 9th grade English classes next year. The cost was \$1,369.48. There aren't enough copies for each 9th grader, but for each 9th grade English teacher to have a class set. This purchase was possible because of the huge success of the banquet in March. The rights to use these scripts in ongoing so future 9th graders can also use them.

The school system is also requesting that we cover the cost of two productions next year of the play in each school as well as one community production. Their proposal reads: "The St. Mary's County Commission for Women will sponsor all productions and contribute funds to cover the royalties and costs associated with the productions incurred by the Cause Theatre group."

We are suggesting that this be reworded as follows: "The St. Mary's County Commission for Women will cover the royalties (two productions at each high school plus one evening production for the community) at a cost of no more than \$455 and will assist with the costs associated with the performances of "don't u luv me" by the Cause Theatre to the best of our ability."

A motion was made to change the wording and seconded. The motion was carried.

A suggestion was made that when the scripts come, that stickers be placed on each script to the effect that this was made possible by the St. Mary's Commission for Women. All agreed that this was a good suggestion.

The school system is anticipating a press conference in August regarding the inclusion of the play in the curriculum.

Stephanie and Norma will make sure that the balance of the budget is spent before the end of the fiscal year.

Marta reported that she has had no further word on the scholarship.

Krisanne was not present so we do not have a report on the Family Violence Coordinating Council.

The Retreat: Juanita and Meredith are planning the retreat. Officers for 2011-2012 will be elected at this time. Gretchen is working on putting together a slate of officers.

Norma announced that since her term on the Commission is up at the end of June, that Juanita as vice-chair will act as chair until the elections. Pat Friend's term is also up at the end of June.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Kelsey, Secretary

REMEMBER:

ANNUAL RETREAT JULY 23RD

Solomons Methodist Church

Solomons Island

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Norma and Pat are cordially invited to join us for lunch!