

**Minutes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
May 14, 2012**

Juanita Nether called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Members present were: Juanita Nether (Chair), Marta Kelsey (Vice-Chair), Krisanne Bentley, Terry Hall, Gretchen Hardman, Jamilliah Thomas and Stephanie Figeroux, Denise Krumenacker, Meredith Wilkins-Arnold Commission Liaison. Members absent were, Sharisse Swales, Katie Werner (Secretary), and Kyle Bishop,

Minutes - Meredith Wilkins-Arnold moved to accept the previous meeting minutes with a change to the dollar amount for reimbursement; Krisanne Bentley seconded the approval with changes. The motion was approved with all members voting in favor of the same. Minutes from the January meeting were approved and are available on the internet.

Budget Summary

The following banquet and other related line items were outstanding at the time of the meeting:

- Flowers: Stephanie Figeroux to check the tech center invoice to see if this item was billed.
- \$30.00 - Printing Press
- \$180 - Marta Kelsey reimbursement
- \$51.00 - Jamilliah Thomas reimbursement
- \$200.00 - Pre-printed envelopes

The CFW will ask the County Commissioners to spend \$2110.50 which includes a donation to the scholarship fund in accordance with the tickets sold for the event. Stephanie Figeroux to find out when the budget will be approved.

The Retreat budget must be in by Tuesday, 22, May 2012 (Next Week).

The CFW discussed possible wording to request spending funds

- Reference what was given last year
- Reference recipients of scholarship last year
- Reference press release

Juanita Nether to meet with Stephanie Figeroux to confirm wording and budget plans @ 10am Thursday 17 May 2012. The CFW to e-mail any suggestions to Juanita Nether. Gretchen Hardman to verify rules on fundraising proceeds.

Banquet Checklist

The banquet checklist was revised to better divide workload. Marta Kelsey to e-mail the new checklist to all current CFW members.

Membership

Krisanne Bentley to send a letter of resignation to Stephanie Figeroux. Applications for new members are due by 29 May 2012; CFW to spread the word.

Family Violence Coordinating Council

The CFW needs a new liaison to keep its presence on the council, preferably by the June 20th meeting. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 5-7pm. During each meeting a fatality review is conducted. Krisanne Bentley shared information from the last fatality review and brought up the housing issue related to this year's fatality review. Krisanne Bentley suggested that the CFW pursue a housing initiative. There is a commission in St. Mary's County that deals with housing issues however the victim was unaware of the available resources because resource materials are not reaching the older community

Also from the previous FVCC meeting, a hospital based domestic violence program is being sought. Abuse statistics indicate a rise in sexual, physical and neglect with the highest being the 10 and under age group. There is abuse related training being conducted in the hospital.

Krisanne Bentley will turn over her FVCC binder and resource guide before her resignation. Reproduction of the resource guide can be done with ease and little expense.

Nominations

Nominees were accepted by the CFW from the following slate of officers:

Denise Krumenacker - Chair

Meredith Wilkins-Arnold - Vice Chair

Katie Werner - Secretary

CFW History Project

Marta Kelsey located an old CFW scrapbook. Juanita Nether is the keeper of the current CFW scrapbook. Marta and Juanita to turn over scrapbooking to Terry Hall for compile and upkeep at the retreat.

CFW Turnover

The CFW brochure Binder was given to Meredith Wilkins-Arnold as a resource.

Marta to send contact information for the Application for next year's MD Women's Commission kids expo. We should get our information and events in the "swag bag" given out at the greater CFW event next year.

Pictures are forthcoming from the healthy dating events at each of the high schools.

A report on student feedback from the healthy dating even is expected from each of the high schools.

Congress

Krisanne Bentley presented legislation information to the CFW; the Christian Mitchell Bill was presented without favorable responses in the House of Representatives. Domestic violence in schools was added but dating violence was omitted.

Retreat Planning

The retreat will be held on 21 July 2012 at Meredith Wilkins-Arnold's church; 9:30am. An invoice is needed prior to the meeting. Possible caterers were discussed; decision to be made following quotes from vendors. Jamilliah will assist with retreat planning. Juanita Nether and Marta Kelsey to be invited to the retreat. 9 July 2012 cancelled.

Thank you cards were received from Banquet winners.

Next Meeting: 11 June 2012 at Clarks Landing; Gretchen Hardman to confirm operating hours.

Jamilliah Thomas 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 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamilliah Thomas, CFW Member

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 11th
5:30 P.M., CLARK'S LANDING
SEE YOU THEN ☺**