

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, February 20, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Aupuni Conference Room

PRESENT

May Lake, Chair
Jo Anne Balberde-Kamalii
Laura Guluzzy
Paradise Newland
Dawn Pung
Ellen Takazawa

EXCUSED

Deborah Davis

GUEST

Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW
Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Pung moved to approve the agenda as submitted. P. Newland seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Guluzzy made a correction to the minutes on page 5, C. Liaison, 1. HSCSW: It should read L. Guluzzy said that they had their own fundraising that was a 501(c)3 when she was on the Commission on the Status of Women for San Mateo County.

L. Guluzzy moved to accept the minutes of December 19, 2003 as corrected.
P. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

J. Viernes defined Miscellaneous Contract Services for J. Balberde-Kamalii.

L. Guluzzy moved to accept the treasurer's report. D. Pung seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Mayor Harry Kim to Chairman James Arakaki and Members of the County Council appointing Dawn Pung and Ellen Takazawa to CSW replacing Beryl Iramina and Suellen Tanaka
- B. Thank you letter from Representatives Jerry Chang, Cindy Evans, Eric Hamakawa, Helene Hale, Dwight Takamine and Senator Lorraine Inouye for the omiyage
- C. Thank you letter from Governor Linda Lingle to Paradise Newland for the Cetacea Humpbacks and Dolphins Sing CD and Domestic Harmony Awareness posters
- D. Letter from New West Broadcasting Corp. regarding an employment opening for the position of sales account executive

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

M. Lake reported that S. Nakoia agreed to update the next directory. All revisions and additions should be submitted to J. Viernes.

L. Guluzzy mentioned that she submitted the phone numbers for the Office of Aging in Kona and Hilo to be included in the directory.

J. Viernes said she has only one packet of the directory left.

2. First Female Booklet

No report.

M. Lake reported that she will follow up with D. Davis on the status of the booklet since CSW wanted to publish it by March 2004. CSW decided to publish the booklet by the end of this fiscal year.

3. Essay Contest

J. Balberde-Kamalii thanked CSW members for judging the essays. The awards luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 29, 2004, at Nani Mau Gardens. The first, second, and third place winners along with their principals, teachers, and their "Real Woman" have been invited to the luncheon. This is the first year that winners are from Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalanipou'u, a public charter school. Cornelia Anguay, former CSW member, will be assisting with the presentation of awards and reading of essays. An official photographer, Danny Escalona, will be taking pictures of the program. A meeting will be held on Monday, February 23 with S. Tanaka and J. Viernes to review the program.

4. Equal Pay Day

M. Lake reported that April 20, 2004 is Equal Pay Day. She checked with former member, S. Shirachi, on the project she was working on and found out it is on

hold. Therefore, she will work with the UHH Women's Center to coordinate an event for Equal Pay Day.

5. Mentoring

M. Masunaga reported that she will be submitting a proposal for CSW's consideration on a mentoring project. The project will be a follow up on last year's mentoring project about etiquette with Chef Amy Ota who already agreed to volunteer her services. A. Ota felt that the young girls needed a follow up.

M. Masunaga stated that she spoke to a child psychologist, Dr. Terry Ann Fujioka who highly recommended that CSW purchase two books called Reviving Ophelia, which is about adolescent girls, and a book called Odd Girl Speaks Out. Perhaps CSW could purchase 24 books (\$14 each) for a total of \$336 for Odd Girl Speaks Out.

E. Takazawa mentioned that she has a friend who is with a mentoring project for Salvation Army in Hilo. She is currently looking for mentors so E. Takazawa decided to drop off an application to be a mentor.

L. Guluzzy stated that her husband just taught an etiquette class at Konawaena Middle School as a substitute teacher. Perhaps M. Masunaga may want to follow up with the school since they have an ongoing program.

M. Masunaga indicated that her proposal will include the books for approximately \$336 and a lunch/dinner for the young girls and their moms for approximately \$480. The total would be a maximum of \$816. The project is being scheduled before June 10, 2004 or by June 30, 2004. The target group could be last year's group or the students at Konawaena Middle School. Unfortunately, last year's project lacked the publicity.

J. Balberde-Kamalii expressed her concerns that it would be in the best interest if the same group from last year were utilized as a follow up. L. Guluzzy offered to assist with publicity through West Hawaii Today.

CSW suggested that M. Masunaga prepare a financial worksheet of the project and submit it to J. Viernes so the committee can review and approve the budget at the next meeting.

P. Newland shared a thank you letter for her event held last year for women's health month at Pahoia High and Intermediate School. She would like to follow up with students from Mrs. Sue Nozaki's class of Pahoia High and Intermediate School on a mentoring project.

6. Dress for Success/Fashion Furlough

M. Lake reported that this program has come to an end since B. Iramina is no longer on the committee.

L. Guluzzy made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. P. Newland seconded the motion. D. Pung said she spoke to B. Iramina and she is very interested in working something out. B. Iramina does not have the time and she wishes that she could get a volunteer to run the program since she has all these ideas. D. Pung offered to contact B. Iramina and ask her to provide some information. Since D. Pung offered to follow up with B. Iramina, the motion was withdrawn.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

M. Masunaga reported that she will be coordinating a seminar in Kona on issues that women may be interested in. She will ask Dale Suezaki to do a refresher course on financial planning. L. Guluzzy expressed her interest in participating depending upon the dates since she already has a commitment.

M. Lake reported that she is waiting for the statistical study on the attendance for Women's Health Month events from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW). Data is being collected by calling the different organizations.

M. Masunaga noted that D. Suezaki's workshop was featured in Hawaii Woman Magazine.

P. Newland mentioned that she would like to do a similar event as last year at Pahoehoe High and Intermediate School and at the UHH.

E. Takazawa said that she has an interest in an alternative healing art.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

M. Lake reported that she has been attending the HSCSW meetings. The next HSCSW meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting has been changed from every month to quarterly meetings. She offered the last HSCSW minutes for interested members to review.

M. Masunaga reported that the HSCSW is planning a press conference for Equal Pay Day on April 20, 2004 at the State Capitol.

A report from A. Hikida Tasaka, HSCSW, was distributed to CSW members.

2. Legislative Update

M. Lake reported that she has been attending the Hawaii Women's Coalition meeting. She encouraged CSW members to submit testimony on bills. She has been keeping in touch with A. Hikida Tasaka, Executive Director of HSCSW, because the bills are being changed. She asked CSW to vote on the Hawaii

Women's Coalition Package so she can support it as a committee member from CSW at the coalition meeting.

P. Newland moved to accept the Hawaii Women's Coalition Package.
E. Takazawa seconded the motion. L. Guluzzy and J. Balberde-Kamalii expressed their concerns about supporting the package so they abstained from voting. The motion was not passed.

M. Lake asked CSW members to review the Hawaii Women's Coalition Package and discuss it further at the next meeting.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

M. Lake reported that no one has submitted articles for the newsletter. The new deadline to submit articles is March 20. New members were asked to submit their bio for the newsletter.

E. Community Reports

L. Guluzzy reported on a St. Patrick's Day Senior Gateball Tournament to be held on Monday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Old Airport Soccer Field sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kona and the County of Hawaii P&R Elderly Recreation Services. The cost for lunch and prizes is \$8.50. Call Elderly Recreation Services at 323-3190 or 961-8710 for registration.

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that she was asked to speak on March 5 for a Women's Studies Class at the UHH regarding CSW and its mission.

M. Masunaga shared a report about Teen Dating Violence. Copies of the report will be distributed to CSW members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resignations and appointments

M. Lake reported that CSW has two vacancies to replace C. Hara and S. Nakoa. The Mayor will be making the appointment and CSW has not received any names for consideration.

B. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee consisting of J. Balberde-Kamalii, L. Guluzzy, and P. Newland needs to present a slate of officers for vice-char, secretary, and treasurer for terms ending June 30, 2004. Interested members who want to serve as officers should contact the nominating committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Committees

M. Lake reported that she would like to appoint chairs to spearhead certain committees. However, she would like committee members to volunteer on a

committee first. CSW members will inform J. Viernes of their selection which will be forwarded to M. Lake.

B. Sponsorships and Co-Sponsorships

M. Lake reported that a legislative aide from Representative Helene Hale's office will be submitting a request for co-sponsorship on alternative health for Women's Health Month.

C. Guest Speakers

M. Lake reported that Senator Lorraine Inouye has agreed to be a guest speaker again after the closing of the legislature in April. M. Lake is in the process of compiling a list of potential guest speakers.

D. CSW Program Budget – Ratification

L. Guluzzy moved to ratify CSW's program budget. P. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

P. Newland raised an issue of establishing a website for CSW to publicize our events and to provide a profile of CSW. J. Viernes pointed out that the County of Hawaii has a website that the committee could link into. M. Masunaga added that another vehicle to use is the County newsletter on email.

E. Training Meeting

M. Lake suggested planning a training meeting in June when the other two vacancies are filled. CSW agreed.

F. NACW Convention 2004

Tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 19, at 10 a.m. in Waimea. Location to be announced.

B. Schedules

J. Balberde-Kamalii will be unable to attend the March meeting. P. Newland may be out of town for the March meeting. L. Guluzzy will be off island on June 11 and June 18.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY