

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, June 15, 2007, 10:00 a.m.
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Andrea Mejia
Katie Nova
Kathleen Peters

EXCUSED

Dawn Pung, Chair
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW
Commissioner (ex-officio)

ABSENT

Janet Coburn
Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

N. Kelly moved to approve the agenda as submitted. K. Peters seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Peters moved to approve the May 18, 2007 minutes. N. Kelly seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

N. Kelly moved to accept the treasurer's report. K. Peters seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council member B. Ford thanked CSW for inviting her to the meeting. She wanted to attend today's meeting and learn what CSW is doing.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Kiera Horgan, GEMS 2007 Chair, AAUW-Kona Branch, regarding request for funding for the Girls Exploring Math and Science (GEMS) Program 2007

B. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

E. Takazawa reported that there are no directories left. B. Ford suggested that CSW distribute the directory to every council office and three copies to each council member.

K. Peters moved that CSW requisition 15,000 directories on lavender/lilac paper for next fiscal year. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

K. Nova volunteered to update the directory.

2. First Female Booklet

A copy of the draft booklet was distributed to CSW members for review.

E. Takazawa wondered if CSW wanted to get the booklet printed and then do a revision afterwards. K. Peters suggested that CSW contact the people who do not have a photo to give them an opportunity to submit a photo before the booklet is printed. K. Nova suggested that CSW get an update from J. Coburn before making any decision on printing the booklet. CSW agreed.

3. Essay Contest

Tabled.

4. Mentoring

K. Peters reported that the girls mentoring project has involved the Konawaena High School girls since they were sixth graders. They have done different activities over the years and the last project was a mentoring dinner at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa. The dinner was about planning for your future and getting to know yourself and your strengths and weaknesses.

M. Masunaga has been instrumental in getting funding for the project.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

N. Kelly reported that the press release was issued seeking nominations for the fourth annual Women's Hall of Fame. The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2007. The Women's Hall of Fame dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2007 in the Water's Edge Ballroom at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. She plans to have Melveen Leed provide entertainment and Jade Moon to emcee the program.

A. Mejia and K. Peters volunteered to be judges. In addition, K. Peters said that she found six identical crystal vases for the awards.

6. Equal Pay

Tabled.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa reported that she has planned alternative health events on a Saturday. Other events scheduled are Reiki and breast cancer awareness.

K. Peters said that she and K. Nova would like to have the following topics presented in Kona: anxiety and depression screenings, reproductive health, menopausal issues, elder care resources, and a domestic violence resource. The topics will depend on the location of the venue. They will focus on publicizing the events and have each practitioner bring their own information/pamphlets.

B. Ford suggested addressing heart attacks in women and pandemics.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

Tabled.

2. Legislative Update

Tabled.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

Tabled.

E. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

N. Kelly reported that Dr. J. Murray will be providing a presentation on October 18 and 19 in Hilo and Kona. CSW targeted October since October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dr. J. Murray's fees are approximately \$3,500/day plus travel expenses which will cost up to a total of \$20,000. CSW plan to partner with other agencies so funding will not be limited to the schools. Other funding sources will allow women in general to attend.

B. Ford suggested that CSW send a cover letter showing the breakdown of expenses for Dr. J. Murray and she will try to see how she can provide funding support. She also suggested that CSW approach council member Emily Naeole for financial support.

N. Kelly moved that CSW commit the remaining funds available in the committee's budget to procure Dr. J. Murray's services for the Teen Dating Violence Conference in October 2007. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

K. Nova moved to accept the following slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee:

Chair – D. Pung
Vice-Chair – C. Kitaoka
Secretary – E. Takazawa
Treasurer – N. Kelly

K. Peters seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

B. Guest Speaker – Council member Brenda Ford – Welcome

B. Ford thanked CSW for inviting her to the meeting because this was the first opportunity to work with the committee on some heavy issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Hilo. Location to be announced.

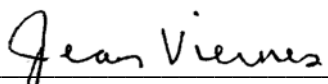
B. Schedules

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY