

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, August 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Kahilu Theatre in Waimea

PRESENT

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Andrea Mejia
Dawn Pung
Mary Sherman
Ellen Takazawa
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Katie Nova, Chair
Kathleen Peters, Secretary
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner
(ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Pung moved to approve the agenda as submitted. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Mejia moved to approve the July 17, 2009 minutes. N. Kelly seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

CSW discussed the possibility of applying for grants since the committee will not receive any contingency funds from the County Council this year for CSW's projects.

E. Takazawa moved to accept the treasurer's report. A. Mejia seconded the motion.
The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

J. Viernes reported that there is no longer a Hawaii Poison Center so an incorrect number is listed on the directory.

2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia reported that N. Kelly and D. Pung will assist her with the display board. D. Pung said that they will try to have the display board ready for the women's hall of fame.

M. Sherman stated that she would like to put up the display board at the Kohala Country Fair in October.

C. Kitaoka suggested that A. Mejia produce two display boards in case one board gets damaged.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that the permission letters went out to the complex area superintendents. The initial packets will be mailed out to the school administrators at the end of the month.

M. Sherman offered to distribute the packets at Kohala Elementary School and Kohala High School. C. Kitaoka will also distribute packets at some West Hawaii Schools.

N. Kelly said that CSW needs to seek funding sources to help the committee with expenses for the essay contest and the upcoming women's hall of fame.

M. Sherman suggested having tea/coffee and dessert rather than a lunch buffet to cut the cost down.

4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

C. Ka-ipo reported that she did radio ads publicizing the Women's Hall of Fame with assistance from E. Cabatu.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. The Puako buffet has been modified which includes the tax and tip for \$30 per person. CSW agreed to charge \$35 per person to help the committee defray some of the cost of the event. The room

charge is \$350 which was reduced from \$500. A special room rate of \$149 is being offered by the hotel for people attending the event.

The emcee will be Matt Levi since Jade Moon is unavailable to attend. He is a well known journalist and former anchor of KGMB for many years. Currently, he has his own private investigative firm and he is an investigative reporter.

C. Ka-ipo's program assistant agreed to pick up and drop off M. Levi at the airport. M. Levi's expenses will be airfare and lunch.

C. Ka-ipo suggested announcing the winners at the event. This way all of the nominees will attend with their families and supporters. The committee will pay lunch for the finalists, CSW members, Mayor and his wife, Governor's representative, M. Levi, M. Leed, and the program assistant. The sound system will cost \$375. D. Pung offered to pick up the leis at Ebesugawa Sisters. Leis will be given to the finalists. C. Ka-ipo will prepare a detailed budget and email it to N. Kelly.

C. Kitaoka stated that CSW needs to do this event differently next year or look for sponsors. The committee agreed and suggested that M. Leed could be a sponsor.

A. Mejia offered to look for vases on Oahu at Pier 1 Imports. N. Kelly's husband will make the bases again.

5. Equal Pay
No report.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) will be posting a calendar of events on their website. September is Women's Health in Hawaii. If you have an event you would like to see posted, go to their website and submit your event information in the registration form.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW
No report.

2. Legislative Update
No report.

D. Community Reports
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that some of the presentations were duplicated on a DVD so they can be disseminated. The committee has also some books and pens leftover from the presentation. N. Kelly said she has a list of schools and libraries that can receive the books.

C. Kitaoka said that she will need to seek funding sources in order to bring back Dr. Jill Murray. A. Mejia mentioned that UH Hilo has grant money that can be used towards a presentation for East and West Hawaii at the university.

B. Teens Internet Protection – A. Mejia

A. Mejia reported that she made contact with Detective John Ancheta and he is happy to provide the presentation for parents from Keaau Elementary, Middle, and High School in September at the PTSA meeting. However, the date needs to be determined and confirmed.

The principal for Konawaena High School is also interested in the presentation. If it doesn't occur in West Hawaii, A. Mejia would like to have a presentation in Kohala. M. Sherman will follow up with Kohala Elementary and Kohala High School to see if they are interested. C. Kitaoka stated that another school that is receptive is Honokaa High School.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 6th Annual International Women's Leadership Conference – Tuesday, September 22, 2009

At the last meeting, E. Cabatu agreed to draft an advertisement on the County of Hawaii's website soliciting names of young women in the eleventh grade to attend the International Women's Leadership Conference. One student, Megan Kurohara, has submitted a paragraph explaining how the all-day conference would benefit her. After some discussion, N. Kelly moved that CSW approve M. Kurohara to attend the conference. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kona Mayor's Office conference room.

The next CSW meetings are scheduled as follows:

Friday, October 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Hilo

Friday, November 20, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Waimea

Friday, December 11, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Kona

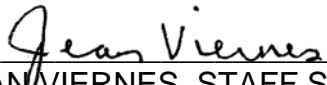
B. Schedules

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY