

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, September 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
Teshima's Restaurant in Kona

PRESENT

Dawn Pung, Chair
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Star Newland
Katie Nova
Kathleen Peters

EXCUSED

Charmaine Ka-ipo
Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW
Commissioner (ex-officio)
Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

ABSENT

Janet Coburn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

N. Kelly moved to approve the agenda as submitted. S. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Kitaoka moved to approve the August 17, 2006 minutes. K. Peters seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Sonia Blackiston, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, offering five full scholarships for airfare and registration costs of \$1,112 for CSW members to attend the Unequal Partners Workshop held on July 11, 2006 on Oahu

B. Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) Meeting Agenda for September 21, 2006

C. Resolution Number 431-06 appropriating \$2,000 for the Girls Exploring Math and Science (GEMS) 2006 Workshop

D. Communication regarding the Unequal Partners Workshop

K. Peters reported that S. Newland had reported that S. Blackiston was upset because some CSW members left early from the conference. She was the first to leave because of a family emergency. K. Peters contacted S. Blackiston and S. Blackiston made it clear that she was not upset and she knew the CSW members were all there.

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

The updated directory was distributed to CSW members. The directory is also available on the County of Hawaii's website.

2. First Female Booklet

Tabled.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that entries are due December 15, 2006. She will start looking for judges.

4. Mentoring

Tabled.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

C. Ka-ipo submitted a report regarding the Women's Hall of Fame.

J. Viernes reported that CSW is not allowed to do a no host bar because it's a county function. D. Pung said that people can go to other bars at the hotel.

K. Peters reported that the judge's criteria will be modified because there is no way to quantify one of the criteria that is worth 30% of the score. That criteria says that honorees should represent women from the entire island. There were approximately 21 nominations submitted.

K. Nova and K. Peters offered to pick up the leis at Castillo Orchids in Kona Palisades.

K. Peters said she picked up the six vases for the awards. She is also willing to have the vases mounted on a stand with a plaque on it.

K. Peters asked J. Viernes to assign a number with each nominee on the scoring sheet and email it to the judges.

6. Equal Pay

D. Pung reported that the Equal Pay presentation will be done in April 2007.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa reported that they had 35 members attend the Family and Community Education Association Ladies Day. There was a food demonstration on meat loaf. On September 23, 2006, there will be a Healing Touch for Children Workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aupuni Center Conference Room.

S. Newland reported that she had approximately 15 participants at the Pahoa Family Health Center on September 13, 2006 for "The Importance of Domestic Harmony and Women's and Society's Wellbeing workshop." The speaker was Dr. Laura Moire, emergency room physician. In addition, the second event she was planning to do at the University of Hawaii at Hilo has been postponed for March 2007.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

No report.

2. Legislative Update

No report.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

Tabled.

E. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Training Program

C. Kitaoka reported that the peer education conference will be held on Friday, November 3, 2006 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. The peer education coordinator from Oahu and the East and West Hawaii coordinators are coordinating the conference. The agenda is done and the registration forms have gone out. Rae Spence has agreed to come back and speak. K. Nova and/or K. Peters will also be guest speakers. The second half of the conference is for the students to formulate and implement an action plan within the schools.

D. Pung suggested that CSW members attend the conference to show support since the committee is sponsoring the conference.

B. Third Annual International Women's Leadership Conference

N. Kelly circulated and reviewed her notes of the conference. All the speakers were very compassionate.

S. Newland reported that the conference was inspirational because it was nice to hear how the speakers got to be who they are. She was also able to distribute domestic

harmony ribbons and take pictures with the Governor. She was also invited to speak at a women's conference in October at Hickam Air Force base about domestic harmony and the safe baby resolution. D. Pung advised S. Newland about using CSW's name in events that she is coordinating on her own without the committee's approval.

C. Domestic Harmony Initiative 2006

D. Pung reported that she made an error when the motion was carried in supporting the importance of domestic harmony for women and society's wellbeing at the last meeting. She received a call from D. Noda who stated that there needs to be five out of the nine voting members for a quorum. You need five votes to pass any action. If there are only five members in attendance and there are only three votes, then there is no action.

S. Newland moved that CSW agree to support domestic harmony awareness as an alternative to domestic violence. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. E. Takazawa said that CSW has already voted for a resolution last year. K. Nova stated that she does not personally support this issue and it seems that CSW is uncertain about fully supporting domestic harmony. The issues that CSW engage in and put out to the community need to be fully supported by the committee, not something that the committee is divided about. C. Kitaoka said that the problem is that CSW has already voted on it and it hasn't passed so why does S. Newland keep bringing it up every month. K. Peters mentioned that the reason why she encourages more discussion is because CSW has not passed any resolution except this alternative. N. Kelly suggested that CSW could approach this issue as a project when it comes up in the future. Since there were not five votes at the last meeting, there was no action so CSW agreed to leave it as a dead issue.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Math/Science Conference for 7th Grade Girls

J. Viernes reported that she mailed the Policy for Co-Sponsorships to B. Green, American Association of University Women. B. Green was on the mainland so she did not submit her proposal yet. Tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

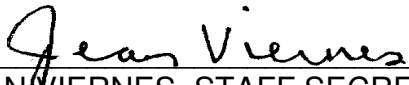
A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in Hilo. Location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY