

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, September 17, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Department of Finance Conference Room

PRESENT

Dawn Pung, Vice-Chair
JoAnne Balberde-Kamalii, Secretary
Ellen Takazawa, Treasurer
Carol Kitaoka
Paradise Newland

EXCUSED

Laura Guluzzy, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

P. Newland moved to approve the agenda as submitted. J. Balberde-Kamalii seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

P. Newland moved to approve the August 13, 2004 minutes. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

E. Takazawa reported that funds for Women's Health Month is supported by the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) trust fund and will not be in jeopardy as a result of Allicyn Hikida Tasaka's resignation.

P. Newland moved to accept the treasurer's report. J. Balberde-Kamalii seconded the motion. C. Kitaoka inquired about the encumbered amount under the printing account. J. Viernes said the \$1,050 is the cost of the Urgent Services Directory. The bid was awarded and the funds become encumbered. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from CSW to D. Davis regarding her status on the Committee on the Status of Women

B. Memorandum from Allicyn Hikida Tasaka, Executive Director of the HSCSW, regarding her resignation effective Friday, September 10, 2004

C. Email from Debbie Davis to Laura Guluzzy, Chair, regarding her resignation from CSW

D. The HSCSW meeting agenda for Friday, September 17, 2004, on Oahu

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

E. Takazawa reported that the directory has gone out to bid and J. Viernes is now making corrections to the proof. It should be printed by the end of the month.

J. Balberde-Kamalii asked how CSW will distribute the directories. J. Viernes responded that CSW members will pick up the directories from her office and the public will contact her first and then pick it up.

C. Kitaoka stated that she will continue to talk about the directory before different organizations even though Women's Health Month will be done at the end of September.

2. Essay Contest

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that a facility has not been secured for the essay contest luncheon awards ceremony. The Hapuna Prince Hotel may cut the room rental from \$1,000 to \$250. She will work on the essay contest packets next week to be distributed to the schools. E. Takazawa offered to assist J. Viernes with collating the packets.

CSW members and M. Masunaga have offered to hand deliver the packets to various teachers in their district. C. Kitaoka offered to pass out ten packets to specific teachers. E. Takazawa offered to hand carry the packets to Kalaniana'ole School and Laupahoehoe High and Elementary School.

J. Balberde-Kamalii stated that she is looking for 12 judges (6 from East Hawaii and 6 from West Hawaii). Judging will take place early January 2005.

P. Newland provided a brief summary of the judging process.

3. Equal Pay Day

P. Newland reported that she agreed to work on this issue, but it's too premature right now.

E. Takazawa reported that she sent the name of the Lieutenant Governor from the East Coast who was drawing crowds on her talk for Equal Pay Day to

L. Guluzzy. P. Newland suggested forwarding the name to her since she will be working on Equal Pay Day in April 2005.

4. Mentoring

C. Kitaoka reported that she spoke to M. Masunaga and she hasn't heard back from Washington Mutual yet.

P. Newland reported that her second annual "From Buds to Flowers-Growing Girls to Ladies" program will be held on Wednesday, September 22, at the Pahoehoe High and Intermediate School cafeteria. She also invited Governor Linda Lingle to be a guest speaker and to be a mentor. This program is also part of Women's Health Month.

E. Takazawa asked whether P. Newland had a budget for this event since she never seen one. E. Takazawa said she made the budget for the Women's Health Month grant and estimated P. Newland's cost to be included in this budget. P. Newland said she was under the impression that E. Takazawa made the budget and it was already done. She didn't know she had to come up with a budget for her event this year and she was confused about this. However, P. Newland will prepare a budget as soon as possible.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame – Dinner

D. Pung read the email that L. Guluzzy sent to J. Viernes regarding the dinner to be held on December 11, 2004 honoring six women from our island for their accomplishments and their status as role models in our communities.

CSW members expressed concerns about the date, cost, time frame, and budget of the event scheduled for December 11, 2004. Therefore, CSW members suggested compiling a list of questions for L. Guluzzy to address at the next meeting.

1. Concerns regarding the dinner cost - can it be negotiated for a more affordable price so that families can attend to honor their nominee? It is during the holiday season and money may be tight for them.
2. Committee members were under the impression that the dinner was going to be held in June 2005. How was the date selected? There is concern that the holiday season may overshadow the program and the dinner.
3. Is there enough of a time line to get this together? Advertising? Selection of judges? Dispensing of nomination info? Selection of winners?
4. What does the budget look like for the entire program?

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa thanked CSW members for distributing the Calendar of Events. There were a total of 5,000 (2,500 for East Hawaii and 2,500 for West Hawaii) calendars designated for the Big Island. L. Guluzzy did a phenomenal job of distributing the calendars in Kona.

E. Takazawa said that she and D. Pung coordinated the Tai Chi class on September 4 and Qi Gong class on September 11 at Curves in Hilo. Secondly, CSW and the Hawaii Naniloa Resort spa will be co-sponsoring a fitness fair on Saturday, September 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Hawaii Naniloa Resort. Presenter Marcia Timboy, is a certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer specializing in women's fitness. The event will include free health assessment screenings (blood pressure and body fat composition readings, strength and flexibility testing), fitness tips on weight training, yoga and pilates demos.

E. Takazawa stated that she would like CSW to work with M. Masunaga to replicate the financial seminar next year in Hilo.

P. Newland reported that a press release will be issued today on the second annual "From Buds to Flowers-Growing Girls to Ladies" program to be held on Wednesday, September 22, at the Pahoa High and Intermediate School cafeteria.

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

There was no report from the HSCSW.

J. Balberde-Kamalii asked who determines A. Hikida Tasaka's replacement. It was pointed out that the Governor makes the appointment and Jeanne Ohta has assumed the responsibilities of the HSCSW on a part-time basis. J. Balberde-Kamalii said that she would like to send something to A. Hikida Tasaka as an acknowledgment from CSW. E. Takazawa added that she appreciated A. Hikida Tasaka's support with the essay contest and she was very personable.

P. Newland moved to provide a thank you gift up to \$50 for A. Hikida Tasaka as a token of appreciation. J. Balberde-Kamalii seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

2. Legislative Update

No report.

P. Newland reported that this is the time to let our legislators know our interests for the upcoming legislature. D. Pung suggested that CSW send a letter of support for the HSCSW to the legislators. J. Balberde-Kamalii suggested a postcard campaign with assistance from different organizations. D. Pung felt it was a good idea and offered to bring it up at the Zonta Club meeting. C. Kitaoka recommended contacting the Hawaii Women's Coalition since they were planning to issue a press release and sign wave on Oahu. D. Pung offered to draft a form letter to the legislators and email it to CSW members for review. In the meantime, CSW members should contact their legislators for support.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

P. Newland reported that she spoke to M. Lake about the newsletter several times. M. Lake is aware of the newsletter and should be forthcoming.

E. Community Reports

P. Newland reported that she will be unable to attend the DVIAT meeting this month and possibly the next few months due to a schedule conflict. Secondly, she attended a fetal alcohol syndrome training. She also attended a two-day workshop on homeland security and signed up to be a trainer. Lastly, a new group called We Stand for the Children has invited people from Oahu to come over and help the ladies and their families learn more about the legal proceedings and continue to do information pickets outside the state building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resignations and appointments

E. Takazawa reported that she e-mailed Dana Moody from Tutu's House to see if she would like to serve on CSW.

B. Nominating Committee

P. Newland moved to remove this item from the agenda. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Committees

P. Newland reported that she would like to discuss domestic harmony as one of CSW's platform. CSW suggested that she contact L. Guluzzy to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Sponsorships and Co-Sponsorships

None.

C. Guest Speakers

E. Takazawa reported that she would like to request that D. Moody be our guest speaker during lunch at the next meeting. P. Newland suggested Dianalee as a

guest speaker in December. Dianalee is a comedian and she recently did a fundraiser at Restaurant Kaikodo.

D. Other

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that there will be a 2004 International Women's Leadership Conference to be held on November 17, 18, and 19 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Oahu. P. Newland offered to email information on the conference to CSW members within the next few days.

E. Takazawa asked if CSW will be sending representatives to the opening of the legislature. P. Newland explained how important for CSW to attend and lobby our legislators for issues that the committee would like them to support.

P. Newland mentioned that a Make a Difference Day event will occur on October 16 in Paho. Secondly, We Stand for the Children will be having a big event at Mooheau Bandstand on October 16 in Hilo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 22, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Waimea. Location to be announced.

B. Schedules

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY