

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, July 21, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
Department of Research and Development Conference Room
Hawaii County Building

PRESENT

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Star Newland
Kathleen Peters
Diane Noda, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Dawn Pung, Chair
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Janet Coburn
Katie Nova
Margaret Masunaga, HSCSW
Commissioner (ex-officio)

GUEST

Lisa Oliver

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

S. Newland moved to approve the agenda. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. C. Kitaoka stated that the Third Annual International Women's Leadership Conference needs to be added under New Business. E. Takazawa amended the motion to add the Third Annual International Women's Leadership Conference under New Business. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. Newland moved to approve the June 16, 2006 minutes. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for last fiscal year and the new fiscal year were reviewed.

E. Takazawa moved to accept the treasurer's reports as submitted. S. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

L. Oliver introduced herself as a UHH student and she was interested in what the committee does. She expressed an interest in serving on the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Memorandum from Lincoln Ashida, Corporation Counsel, regarding Office of Information Practices Opinion No. 06-04

B. The Hawaii Herald, Hawaii's Japanese American Journal featuring the "Real Women" essay contest winning essays from Grades 9-12

C. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

J. Viernes reported that the directory went out to bid and the bid was awarded to Hawaii Printing Corporation. The directory will be printed in salmon color and it will be available sometime in August.

K. Peters asked E. Takazawa if she was able to make contact with Keevan Tom of Alliance Direct. E. Takazawa said she called him, left a message, and received a phone call the following day from another person who wasn't K. Tom. Apparently, K. Tom changed his phone number.

2. First Female Booklet

Tabled.

3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that the permission letter was mailed to the three complex area superintendents. The initial packet to the schools will be mailed during the week of August 7, 2006. The essay competition will commence on September 1, 2006 and will end on December 15, 2006. The judging period is from January 2-19, 2007. The luncheon awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel.

Since additional funding has been received from Councilmember V. Isbell for the essay contest, the awards for the savings bonds have been increased to \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place. The teacher of first place students will receive a \$100 gift certificate and the teacher of second and third place students will receive other gifts.

The lunch menu may consist of pasta salad or oriental chicken salad; three different kinds of pizza or chicken katsu, rice, and vegetables; vanilla ice cream, and fruit punch. The cost is \$25 per person not including tax and tip. Additional costs may incur if other items are added on to the menu.

4. Mentoring

No report.

5. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame – October 28, 2006

C. Ka-ipo reported that the judges will meet August 11, 2006 to review the judging criteria. The deadline to submit nominations is September 1. CSW has received a total of nine nominations. The final count for dinner to the hotel is October 15. The Governor will reply by August whether she and a guest will be attending the event. A press release will be issued in September 1 or September 2 and a final media release on October 15 to remind the public about the event and the entertainers.

K. Peters suggested that a flyer be distributed to women's organizations such as the Kona AAUW, Soroptimist International, Zonta Club, etc.

D. Noda suggested that C. Ka-ipo email the flyer to CSW members.

D. Noda mentioned that there is a woman in her office that belongs to the Red Hat Society.

C. Ka-ipo reviewed her proposed budget totaling \$3,449. E. Takazawa moved to accept the budget for the Women's Hall of Fame. S. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

K. Peters reported that she is unable to find six identical crystal vases. She will track down a friend or family member who is heading to the mainland to visit the Mikasa Outlet.

6. Equal Pay

Tabled.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa circulated and reviewed the draft budget of the Women's Health Month events.

C. Kitaoka reported that Christopher Young is available to speak on Identity Theft anytime in September. She will determine a date and inform CSW of the date and location.

S. Newland reported that she and C. Ka-ipo will be collaborating on a presentation on breast health awareness.

E. Takazawa mentioned that she and C. Ka-ipo will be going on the radio to talk about Women's Health Month and the Women's Hall of Fame.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

No report.

2. Legislative Update

No report.

D. Marketing

1. Newsletter

Tabled.

E. Community Reports

E. Takazawa reported that she and C. Ka-ipo met with Mayor H. Kim and E. Takazawa spoke about getting "Aloha" into the work place. The Mayor suggested that he contact Gabriella Cabanas at the Department of Civil Service to see the possibility of incorporating healing touch into the work place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative Training Program

C. Kitaoka reported that the Teen Dating Violence Peer Education Conference was scheduled for November 3, 2006 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, but the date will be changed to October. The conference is being coordinated with the peer education counselors on East Hawaii and West Hawaii and the State. The islandwide conference will host approximately 60 to 75 students. Transportation will be provided and coupons have already been bought to rent one van per school (two coupons per van to transport seven people). Possible presenters are Rae Spence, Nellie Namuad, and K. Peters. There will be a continental breakfast and lunch.

B. Hawaii Women's Oral History Collection Training

Tabled.

C. Unequal Partners Workshop

C. Kitaoka reported that the workshop was good in the sense that the things in the booklet can be used for students. K. Peters said she thought that it was presented at a level that was a little too basic for the audience.

E. Takazawa felt that the workshop was simplistic. S. Newland said she enjoyed the workshop and the presenter's style.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Third Annual International Women's Leadership Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that the conference will be held on August 29, 2006 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and CSW needs to decide who is going to attend from the committee. Past attendees were C. Kitaoka, K. Peters, D. Pung, and E. Takazawa. S. Newland also attended at her own expense. Since it's a

one-day conference, hotel accommodations are not necessary. After some discussion, C. Ka-ipo moved that CSW members who would like to attend the conference are allowed to go and the committee will finance it. S. Newland seconded the motion. CSW will pay for registration fee, airfare, parking, and ground transportation. C. Kitaoka suggested that new members who did not attend the conference should attend this year. D. Noda suggested that CSW amend the motion to limit it to so many members annually and if there is more than the maximum number, then prioritize it by who has not gone before and who has had more seniority on the committee. C. Ka-ipo amended the motion to limit it to five members and CSW will cover the registration fee, airfare, ground transportation, and parking. S. Newland seconded the motion. S. Newland offered to pick up CSW members at the airport since she will be renting a car on her own. CSW members who are interested in attending are C. Ka-ipo, N. Kelly, S. Newland, and K. Nova. J. Viernes will make contact with J. Coburn. If J. Coburn is unable to attend, then D. Noda will be her replacement. The motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in Waimea. Location to be announced.

B. Schedules

D. Noda will be unable to attend the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY