

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, September 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Katie Nova, Chair
Kathleen Peters, Secretary
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Andrea Mejia
Dawn Pung
Mary Sherman
Ellen Takazawa

EXCUSED

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner
(ex-officio)
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M. Sherman moved to amend the agenda by adding to New Business, Membership and N. Kelly would like to add to New Business, Budget. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Pung moved to approve the August 14, 2009 minutes. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated. The only outstanding expense from the Women's Hall of Fame is the name tags from Trophy Case.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Marie Laderta, Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, that she is unable to attend the Women's Hall of Fame luncheon
- B. Fax from Janee Marie Taylor, VP, Eloha Foundation, Director, Hawaiian Well Division regarding Women's Health and Women's Health Month
- C. Approval letter from Valerie Takata, Complex Area Superintendent, to conduct the "Real Women" Creative Writing Competition in the Hilo-Laupahoehoe-Waiakea Complex schools this year

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

No report.

2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia reported that they will produce two display boards. N. Kelly and D. Pung will assist her with the display board.

3. Essay Contest

No report.

4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

C. Ka-ipo reported that CSW's total expenses for the event were \$2,664.21. The funds received from guests for the lunch buffet were \$2,240. A head count of 95 was given to the hotel and tables were set up for a 110.

C. Ka-ipo said that she will be writing thank you letters to the hotel, M. Levi, Mayor Billy Kenoi, and M. Leed. Secondly, she received good responses about the food. In addition, this was the first time that the Mayor attended and he was impressed with the event.

J. Viernes stated that the Mayor would like to make sure that the honorees who are invited next year are all winners.

C. Ka-ipo stated that it was a good idea that the committee changed the event to a luncheon. More people came out because it's easier to drive during the day. The radio stations helped a lot with publicity. E. Cabatu was also a huge asset and she helped coordinate the radio ads.

J. Viernes mentioned that Maddie Greene's husband produced a DVD for each of the winners and for the committee.

A. Mejia suggested that CSW send a thank you letter to Howard Kelly who has been doing our bases all these years. K. Nova suggested that the committee present something a little smaller next year because the vases were so heavy.

5. Equal Pay
Tabled.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month
Tabled.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW
Tabled.

2. Legislative Update
Tabled.

D. Community Reports
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference
Tabled.

B. Teens Internet Protection – A. Mejia

A. Mejia reported that she coordinated a teens internet protection presentation for parents from Keaau Elementary, Middle, and High School. There were approximately 30 adults with some teenagers and children. Detective John Ancheta and Police Officer Edwin Namohala, Jr. provided the presentation. Police Officer E. Namohala, Jr. is being trained because Detective J. Ancheta intends to retire in eight months. They provided lots of gifts and coloring books for the children while the graphic parts were being shown to the adults. The first 50 people were given bentos and beverages by the PTSA. The presentation was informative and it was well received by the parents. The Complex Area Superintendent, Mary Correa, was also in attendance and she would like to have her staff attend a presentation.

A. Mejia said that she would like to have the teens internet protection presented at Honokaa, Kohala, and Ka'u. She distributed a handout on Cyber-Safety.

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

K. Nova reported that she will be attending the conference with a high school student, Megan Kurohara.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership

M. Sherman announced her resignation from CSW effective immediately. She mentioned a woman from Kohala who might be a potential replacement. However, it was pointed out that the Mayor has the final decision on making the appointment.

B. Budget

N. Kelly reported that the Mayor had a budget kick-off meeting and he instructed departments to cut their budget as much as possible because they are expecting a \$44 million reduction from the current fiscal year. She circulated a budget worksheet for fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011 with a 50 percent cut to help the county and to show the Mayor that CSW is conscientious and the committee doesn't want to be eliminated.

K. Nova suggested that the Executive Committee meet and come up with recommendations for approval by CSW at the next meeting. Some ideas were to do CSW's main events every other year, put a cap on what the committee spends on lunches, carpool, not printing the Urgent Services Directory, and CSW members meet every other month. J. Viernes said that the committee needs to update the final status report on program objectives for FY 2008-09, update the program budget for FY 2010-11, and complete the expenditures worksheet for FY 2010-11 and project estimates for the two-year period after that.

After some discussion, CSW members agreed to meet in the months of July, August, October, December, February, April, and June. K. Nova said that CSW members need to work independently and members who sign up for events should not flake out.

D. Pung moved that CSW schedule their meetings effective fiscal year July 2010 for July, August, October, December, February, April, and June. A. Mejia seconded the motion. K. Nova suggested that N. Kelly prepare new figures based on seven meetings, not printing the Urgent Services Directory, and cost of mileage for rotating monthly meetings versus meeting only in Waimea. The motion was passed.

CSW reviewed and revised the program objectives for FY 2010-11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Aupuni Center conference room.

K. Peter moved to cancel the November 20, 2009 meeting. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

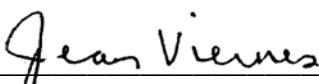
B. Schedules

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY