

## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, October 17, 2008, 10:00 a.m.  
Aupuni Center Conference Room

### PRESENT

Katie Nova, Chair  
Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Kathleen Peters  
Dawn Pung  
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner  
(ex-officio)

### EXCUSED

Ellen Takazawa, Secretary  
Andrea Mejia  
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel  
(ex-officio)

### GUEST

Kathleen McNally, YWCA Human  
Resource Manager

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

N. Kelly moved to approve the agenda as submitted. K. Peters seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Peters moved to approve the September 19, 2008 minutes. N. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated. N. Kelly reported that there was a manual correction made which will be reflected in next month's treasurer's report.

J. Viernes reported that an appropriation of \$15,000 was received from Council member Brenda Ford for the Teen Dating Violence conference which is reflected in today's treasurer's report. Outstanding expenditures are Jade Moon's expenses from the Women's Hall of Fame.

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

### STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

K. McNally introduced herself as the new Human Resource Manager at the YWCA. The Executive Director of the YWCA, Cynthia Albers, would like to join in the efforts of the committee and be an active part of this group. She circulated a flyer about the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Peace Walk & Vigil for this evening and a copy of the YWCA newsletter.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Copy of Resolution 754-08 transferring/appropriating \$15,000 towards the Teen Dating, Depression and Suicide Prevention conference
- B. Copy of Resolution 759-08 transferring/appropriating \$1,000 towards the "Real Women" Creative Writing Contest

## REPORTS

### A. Education

- 1. Urgent Services Directory  
Tabled.

- 2. First Female Booklet  
Tabled.

- 3. Essay Contest

C. Kitaoka reported that she prepared a budget, but she forgot to bring it today. Secondly, she attended a County Council meeting in Kona to testify for funding for the essay contest and the committee received \$1,000 from Council member A. Pilago.

C. Kitaoka asked C. Ka-ipo whether she could obtain lunch quotes at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort, Polynesian Room. C. Ka-ipo said that she received a special offer for a prime rib buffet of \$36.50 per person. The Polynesian Room has also been renovated and the ambiance is beautiful. The room accommodates approximately 300 people.

C. Kitaoka said that the luncheon awards ceremony will be scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2009. She received a quote of \$28.51 per person for lunch at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. She will inquire with the hotel again on getting a cheaper kid friendly menu. Another alternative is the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. However, lunch is not a buffet style. Lunch cost is \$25 per person for a box lunch.

K. Peters stated that parking is free at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. A lot of families can go to the beach and it is nice for them to go to the hotel.

E. Cabatu requested that Terrie Henderson from the Hawaii Tribune Herald be a judge.

K. Peters asked if a student has to go through a teacher in order to participate. She suggested that CSW put a notice in the newspaper for publicity to spark some of the teachers to participate. E. Cabatu offered to ask T. Henderson to do the publicity.

4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

N. Kelly reported that she drafted a press release, but she was not sure if it was published in the newspapers. K. Nova said that a nice article was published in the West Hawaii Today.

C. Ka-ipo reported that she met with the owner of the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort and they discussed the menu of a prime rib buffet of \$36.50 plus a side dish of chicken or fish for vegetarians. A special room rate of approximately \$99 per night was given for CSW's guests and members. C. Ka-ipo requested the Polynesian Room to hold the function since it was recently renovated. She suggested having the function in September or October when the hotel is slow.

K. Peters stated that CSW traditionally chose September or October because the economy was booming and that was the time to have it at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. However, CSW was competing with other events from non-profit organizations. She asked if CSW wanted to entertain other options that the committee discussed previously such as alternating the event every other year, honoring women from West Hawaii (Kau to Kohala) in Waikoloa, and honoring women from East Hawaii (Kalapana to Honokaa) in Hilo. Furthermore, CSW discussed increasing attendance and having an audience by entertaining other ideas.

K. Nova stated that this is the most expensive event sponsored by the committee. First, CSW needs to look at how important it is to the committee as it stands now to do this event. Secondly, does CSW want to spend that much money of the committee's limited budget every year or every other year?

K. Peters asked if it would be better to get a full page color ad with a biography of these women in the newspaper in order to honor and highlight them. Young women will be inspired by the newspaper versus an event at some hotel and few people show up which is only family and friends. It's a cost benefit ratio of what CSW's money does to inspire and promote these women who have done remarkable things.

C. Kitaoka raised the issue about the participants paying more to help defray the cost of the event. K. Nova offered to contact J. Mecklenburg to get an opinion.

C. Ka-ipo suggested changing the dinner to a luncheon and having the event every other year. K. Nova suggested that CSW members think about it and determine how the committee can do it in a way that works better.

C. Kitaoka mentioned that she was also thinking about another way to do the essay contest. She suggested a fun day at the beach rather than a formal luncheon.

C. Ka-ipo suggested tabling this issue until the new Mayor comes on board because he may want CSW to focus on certain issues. N. Kelly read the purpose and duties of the committee in the bylaws.

5. Equal Pay

E. Cabatu reported that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) is planning to do the WAGE (Women are Getting Even) Club in April 2009.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Cabatu reported that next year's Women and Family Wellness Day will be held the ending of August. She asked CSW to provide more funding towards the health fair next year. Next year's event will be held at Liliuokalani Gardens.

K. Nova stated that there needs to be more presence from CSW such as a banner showing who the committee is. However, it was pointed out that the committee has a banner.

D. Pung indicated that she went to every booth thanking them for their participation.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

No report.

2. Legislative Update

No report.

D. Community Reports

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Peace Walk & Vigil on Friday, October 17, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.  
Meet at Kamehameha Statue at 4:15 p.m.

K. Nova reported that she has been invited to speak about the committee at the Soroptimist meeting in two weeks. She asked CSW members to provide any information they would like to pass on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

C. Kitaoka reported that she received an email from the Prosecutor's Office about a teen dating violence prevention campaign. A webcast is scheduled for October 22 from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. N. Kelly said they are checking to see if the webcast will be re-recorded.

C. Kitaoka mentioned about the State Health Conference scheduled for December 4, 2008 at the Hawaii Convention Center on Oahu. The peer education

coordinator suggested that Dr. J. Murray attends the conference. However, the Department of the Attorney General should pay for it.

K. Peters reported that she contacted her connection who is no longer in film school.

- B. Teens Internet Protection – A. Mejia  
Tabled.

N. Kelly reported that there will be a presentation on Internet Crimes Against Children scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. in the Aupuni Center Conference Room. She will attend the presentation and see if it's worth replicating.

- C. 2008 International Women's Leadership Conference – A. Mejia  
Tabled.

E. Cabatu reported that A. Mejia loved the conference.

- D. Prospective Members  
CSW reviewed Mary Sherman's application. K. Peters moved that CSW inform the Mayor's Office that the committee supports this candidate. D. Pung seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Budget Estimates for FY 2009-10  
The Executive Committee will work together on updating the budget estimates for fiscal year 2009-10.
- B. Merle Endo, SANE Coordinator – Guest Speaker  
The guest speaker did not show up.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

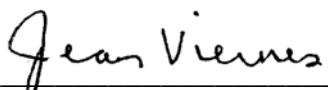
- A. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 21, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kahilu Theatre.

The December meeting has been changed to Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Kona. Location to be announced.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY