

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, November 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Kahilu Theatre in Waimea

PRESENT

Katie Nova, Chair
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary
Andrea Mejia
Kathleen Peters
Mary Sherman
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner
(ex-officio)
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel
(ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer
Charmaine Ka-ipo
Dawn Pung

GUEST

Deborah Oakley-Melvin

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

K. Peters moved to approve the agenda as submitted. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Peters noted that she had suggested a full-page ad for the Hall of Fame and that it was an example.

K. Peters moved to approve the October 17, 2008 minutes with her correction. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

J. Viernes reported that outstanding expenditures are Jade Moon's expenses from the Women's Hall of Fame.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

D. Oakley-Melvin reported that she is interested in the committee's work and she has much experience in publicity and fundraising.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Email from Scarlett O'Hara Bill regarding UN International Elimination of Violence Against Women Day 2008

- B. Letter from Mayor Harry Kim to Council Chairman Pete Hoffmann and Members of the County Council appointing Mary Sherman to CSW replacing Janet Coburn

REPORTS

A. Education

1. Urgent Services Directory

E. Takazawa reported taking packs of the directory to Waimea Hospital, Hamakua Medical Center, and Lucy Henriques Medical Center. Copies were available at an East Hawaii Consortium. J. Viernes reported that people call her for the directory.

2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia reported that she contacted Hawaii Printing and the printer will give her a quote after she gets the photos together. E. Takazawa will pick up Librada Luis's photo.

3. Essay Contest

Tabled.

4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

J. Mecklenburg reported that charging \$50 for a \$38 meal is okay since the money is used for event expenses.

5. Equal Pay

E. Cabatu reported that the event is in April. Possibilities are 1) the formation of a book club which raises awareness of pay inequality, using a book distributed by the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), 2) a radio spot for a week, 3) Annelle Amaral can speak in the High Schools, 4) a person can be interviewed on the radio. K. Nova said that several women's groups could be asked to contribute for a program.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

E. Cabatu reported that the event will be held in late August in order to avoid conflict with the Life Care Center's wellness event.

A. Mejia got information about road closure and an application for upcoming events.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

E. Cabatu reported that funding for airfare is needed in order to have the students attend the 2009 International Women's Leadership Conference in September, since the registration fee is waived. E. Cabatu stated that she wishes to take one student from Hawaii Island to the state of the state address in January.

2. Legislative Update

The Women's legislative package will be ready in January 2009.

D. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

K. Nova spoke to the Soroptomist Club about donating money for hotel, airfare, and putting on events. The Board will consider the request and get in touch with K. Nova.

B. Teens Internet Protection - A. Mejia

A. Mejia reported that Community Policing works with the students about the internet room and internet crime. The Attorney General gives talks for the adults.

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

A. Mejia stated that the conference was inspiring and amazed with the women presenters. She has pictures which she will share at the next meeting. She expressed her thanks for the opportunity. CSW members commented that a speaker could come to the island during the week that they are available to speak at the college or high schools. E. Cabatu can chaperone the girls to the Conference if the committee can raise the airfare. K. Nova suggested that women business owners be asked for airfare for a girl.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Liquor Control conference room located in Kona.

A. Mejia contacted a grant writer who is willing to write a grant to cover program expenses – airfare for teens to attend the Governor’s Conference in September.

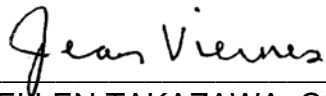
B. Schedules

K. Peters and M. Sherman will be unable to attend the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



for ELLEN TAKAZAWA, CSW SECRETARY