

September 1, 2015

Meeting minutes of the Commission on the Status of Women held at the County Government Center Rm. 161/162:

1. **Call to order:** 6:15 PM (JJ)
2. **Roll Call:** (KV):
 - a. **Present:** Kathy Veder (KV), Julie Jones (JJ) (Co-Chair), Jan Harper (JH), Vicki Milledge (VM)
 - b. **Absent & excused:** Amanda King (AK) [Co-Chair], Paulla Ufferheide (PU), Shawna Scott (SS), Consuelo Meux (CM), Robyn DeRohan (RD)
 - c. **Absent:** Anita Shower (AS), Layci Gragnani (LG)
3. **Guests/Introduction:** Chris Noffz (guest) & John Fowler/Peoples' Self-Help Housing (guest speaker).
 - a. John Fowler – Peoples' Self-Help Housing:
 - i. Agency started in 1970. Currently have over 160 employees which are mostly on the property management side.
 - ii. Their programs are aimed at communities with a population less than 50k.
 - iii. Are focusing more on multiple family homes rather than single family housing.
 - iv. Seen an increase in single mothers participate in their housing programs. They learn all trades except for concrete, plumbing, and electrical.
 - v. Chosen residents must meet limited incomes which are checked on a quarterly basis. Residents are asked to give 40 hours a week to help build the housing units, which take about a year to build.
 - vi. Peoples' Self-Help also provide other services such as:
 1. After school care.
 2. Senior centers.
 3. Pre-school programs for Spanish speakers to help their children learn English.
 4. Teachers and health professionals are brought in to manage these programs. They also use internships from local Colleges and Universities to help.
 5. They have partnered with United Way to provide free income tax services where people are taught how to complete their taxes rather than have them done for them.
 - vii. Goal of the agency is keeping people housed – it's no longer just about brick and mortar.
 - viii. John just had a meeting with MindBody to see about starting a "Work Force Housing" project in SLO. These projects help employers to find valuable employees who cannot afford to live in SLO opportunities to build housing for their needs.

4. **Approval of minutes:**
 - a. July 2015 and August 2015 – minutes were not available so they were not approved.
5. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. Treasurer's Report (JH)
 - i. Checking account balance: **\$2,981.59**
 - ii. **Expenses:** 8/5/15 = \$28.80 Copy Spot/surveys; 8/12/15 = \$400 Am General Media/WWF radio spots; 8/28/15 = \$213.00 USPS/WWF postage; \$10.00 monthly service fee.
 - iii. Additions = \$0.00
 - iv. Pending expenses: none reported
 - v. Notes: South Bay Women's services will be contacted for reimbursement for Madonna luncheon and to split \$400 radio spot costs after checking with Paula.
 - vi. Current postage stamp total remaining = \$23.32 (20 stamps were given to (KV) for covering her personal expenditure for Commission on the Status of Women.
 - b. Chair Report (JJ): At the Womenade Board meeting Julie attended they will be putting a link on their website to the Commission's survey.
6. **Unfinished/Ongoing Business:**
 - a. Commissioner Vacancies (JJ): Two vacancies in district 1 and two vacancies in district 5. (JH) will reach out to Layci Gragnani to see if she still has an interest in being a commissioner.
 - b. Website Communications (JJ): Amanda when she returns from vacation will update the website which will also reflect the recent WWF nomination forms.
 - c. Questionnaire/SurveyMonkey (JH and AK): working fine but still have one pop-up situation but doesn't appear to be an issue and can still submit the questionnaire.
 - d. WWF 2016 Event Update (KV):
 - i. Received a \$1,000 donation from Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian.
 - ii. (KV) kept the paperwork received from Katcho and she will give it to (AK).
 - iii. Tickets for the event are ready for sale starting in December 2015.
 - iv. WWF is in need of more sponsors. (KV) will email Commissioners (and guest Chris Noffz) the form to use so they can provided to potential sponsors (banks and other associations.)
 - e. Board of Supervisor's Agenda (KV): Check emails for updates on the agenda items.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Next month's speaker will be from Transitions Mental Health.
 - b. (KV) suggested that all commissioners support the need to find monthly speakers next year. This was agreeable to all present commissioners and it was further suggested that an item is added on every July's agenda to

obtain speakers. (VM) suggested that we ask The 99's, which are the first 99 pilots that were put together by Amelia Earhart.

- c. (KV) reviewed an email she received regarding The Village Movement – it is a class being held on October 26, 2015 that is being offered to support senior citizens to live independently. The goal is to launch a “Village” group by January 2016. (KV) will email anyone who is interested.
 - d. Chris Noffz (guest) asked about the Commission’s proactive steps for 2017’s WWF mailings; switching to electronic rather than paper due to the USPS costs. There currently is a data gathering issue. The Commission isn’t capturing emails currently but will look into it and but they will need to have a Commissioner manage the email list if its chosen to be created.
 - e. Chris Noffz (guest) asked about getting copies of the Commission’s Bylaws. These documents are not online right now, nor is the history of the Commission. This may be a project for the future.
8. Adjourn: 7:12 PM
9. Next meeting: October 6, 2015