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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, September 8, 2008 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room, 372 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba
Vice President Tanberg
Treasurer Freeman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Lesser
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of audience followed.

President Duba reminded all present that this week is the 9/11 memorial and asked everyone to keep the victims and their families in their thoughts and prayers.

President Duba would like for the Commission to remain in touch with Supervisor Burke after her retirement. She would like the Communications Committee to obtain information from Supervisor Burke in her newly appointed position on the Congressional Ethics Committee, so that the Commission can link to our website. President Duba is hopeful that the new Second District Supervisor is supportive of women's issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2008

On motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the minutes of August 11, 2008 were approved with the following additions/corrections:

Page 5; Legislative Committee, Until there is a budget there is no spending and programs ~~relaying~~ *relying* on State funding will suffer. As individual taxpayers you have the power *to* hold legislators accountable by calling *their* office.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

- Attended the Northrop Grumman reception with staff members Rhonda Rangel and Nyla Jefferson. As one of 125 organizations, the Commission received a generous donation of $15,000 for the Girls At-Risk Scholarship. Our title sponsor

  for the past 10 years, Northrop Grumman has donated to the Commission a total $145,000 in cash and in-kind donations of $50,000, which has contributed to the success of the 5K event.
- 10th Annual LA County Run for Health is this Saturday, September 13, 2008.
- Deepest Appreciation to Staff and Commissioners who have worked on the 5K.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- The Los Angeles Superior Court now offers online juror orientation at webjury@lasuperiorcourt.org.
- Brown Act Training Workshop is scheduled for September 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 140 of the Hall of Administration all are invited to attend. Staff will provide the changes to the Brown Act to Commissioners
- Distributed flyers for LA County Fair discount tickets for employees
- October 2008 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Staff has the "Flowers Aren't Enough" DVD presentation for the Commission to view.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Freeman reported on the expendable allowance for the month of August 2008. The beginning balance as of August was $7,764.29; flex spending expenditures were $0; ending balance is $7,764.29. The carry-over for September Flex Spending Allocation is $1,929.21. Report received and filed for audit.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" AS A ONE YEAR PILOT CENTRAL THEME

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg and unanimously carried, the Commission approved "Domestic Violence" as the Commission's pilot program central theme for this Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER/SUPERVISOR MEETING OUTLINE

Following discussion, on motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner

Rodriguez and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the outline for meetings with Commissioners and Supervisors as presented by the Communications Committee.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO MOVE THE OCTOBER 13, 2008 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING TO OCTOBER 6, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to move the Commission's October 13, 2008, meeting to Monday, October 6, 2008 due to a County Holiday.

(Commission ZeBrack joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Vice President Tanberg and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Committee Structure and Chair appointments for 2008-2010.

REIMBURSE THE PRESIDENTS FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 TICKETS TO THE PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the reimbursement to the President's Fund for the purchase of two tickets to the Pacific Asian Family's 30th Anniversary awards program held Friday, September 5, 2008 in the amount of $200.00.

REIMBURSE THE PRESIDENT'S FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF 5 TICKETS TO THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING INSTITUTE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $250.00 PER PERSON

On motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, with a friendly amended by Vice President Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to reimburse the President's Fund for the purchase of 4 tickets in an amount not to exceed $250.00 per person.

President Duba, Vice President Tanberg, Treasurer Freeman, Commissioners Becerra-Jones and Rodriguez will attend.

APPOINT 24TH ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON CHAIR

On motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved Commissioner Gravely as the 24th Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon Chair.

Commissioners Rodriguez, ZeBrack, Lesser and Treasurer Freeman volunteered to serve on the Award Luncheon Committee.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR (WOY) AWARDS SELECTION PROCEDURES

On motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, following discussion the motion was withdrawn.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE WOMEN OF THE YEAR (WOY) AWARDS SELECTION PROCEDURES, NOMINATION LETTER, APPLICATION, MEMO, QUESTIONNAIRE AND SCORING SHEET

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to refer items 13 through 18 to the Awards Luncheon Committee for review and to bring revisions back to the Commission for approval at the October 6, 2008 meeting.

UPDATE ON THE 5K/10K RUN/WALK

President Duba presented commissioners with the official race dry-fit t-shirt to wear on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the LA County Run for Health. The money raised to date is $25,000 and the in-kind donations are $22,500. This year, with 600 pre-registered participants, our record has been broken. Many thanks, to David Levine for providing 10 weeks of free training at Griffith Park each Sunday morning.

The LA Roadrunners are participating in our event again this year. Staff members Rhonda Rangel, Nyla Jefferson and Commissioner Lesser have attended the Roadrunners marathon training on Saturday, September 6, 2008, to register participants. Pre-registration pick-up will be held on Friday, September 12th at Snails Pace Running Shop in Pasadena.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

President Duba announced that there will be many vendors at the wellness expo providing free health screenings. She thanked Commissioner Lesser for her diligence in securing a $1,500 donation from Proctor and Gamble for the Bone Density screening. Members of the UCLA women's basketball team will assist with the pancake breakfast and Sisters Together in Retirement (STIR) will assist with registration. She also went over the schedule, expo layout and Commissioner's assignments for the 5K event. Commissioner Jernigan read a letter from Aval Johnson (Gran-Gran) and presented Ms. Johnson's $500 donation to the 5K.

The Committee will meet today at 12:30 a.m. following the Commission meeting. The wrap-up meeting will be held on October 6, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee: Vice President Tanberg reported the committee met on August 21, 2008 and approved the action plan regarding meeting with Supervisors. The

committee discussed duties and promotional materials. Commissioner Tanberg will work with Nyla Jefferson on the website. The Committee is working on an action plan to formerly prepare a speaker's bureau. President Duba asked the committee to form and maintain a talent bank of qualified women seeking commissioner positions.

Legislation Committee: Commissioner Jernigan reported that legislators are 70 days pass establishing a budget for the State. She urged everyone to call their legislators and hold them accountable to settle the budget.

Health Committee: Commissioner Lesser reported that the Health Committee met this morning to develop four areas of interest. They plan to add two to three new members to the committee. The committee will work with the Department of Parks and Recreation, schools and churches on prevention, nutrition and education message to the community. They will also collaborate with other commissions to develop a program of free osteoporosis screening available to the public. Lastly, the committee plans to work with the American Heart Association and participate in the Go Red campaign in April 09 and encourage the Education committee to focus on scholarships for students interested in the health field.

Domestic Violence Committee: Commissioner Rodriguez attended a meeting convened by the City Attorney's Office on the Figueroa Corridor Prostitution Diversion Program. Commissioner Rodriguez submitted data to assist in establishing a thorough program. She reported the ICAN's 13th Annual Nexus Conference is on October 30th. John Hill, Chief Deputy to Supervisor Burke, will be the keynote speaker and Supervisor Burke will receive a special recognition award. Commissioner Rodriguez will submit a request to participate in Peace Over Violence's event on November 18th.

Gender Equity Committee: No report.

Older Women's Issues Committee: The Committee will meet today at 1:00 p.m. and they will discuss a senior women's conference. Mary Davis is the Chair and she is anxious to work with the Commission.

Education Committee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the Committee met on August 5, 2008. She reported that 16 out of 21 of the young women have accessed their scholarships. October 6th is the deadline to submit scholarship applications. She also spoke on Congressional Bill HR 2654 by Congresswoman Sanchez and Senator Clinton to increase the number of school psychologist in rural areas. Treasurer Freeman would like Commissioner Becerra-Jones to contact Dixie Eliopulos regarding an 11th grade student Sarah Palmer who interested in the Girls-At-Risk scholarship.

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Vice President Tanberg and unanimously carried, the Commission extended the meeting until 12:20 p.m.

RETREAT WRAP UP REPORT

Vice President Tanberg postponed the retreat wrap up report until the October 6, 2008 Commission meeting.

REPORT FROM THE PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS PROGRAM

Commissioners Davalos and Rodriguez attended the Pacific Asian Family's 30th Anniversary Awards program on Friday, September 5, 2008. Commissioner Rodriguez reported that it was a well attended event. The organization was very grateful for the Commission's donation and listed the Commission in the journal. Commissioner

Rodriguez also had an opportunity to speak with former Assemblywoman Liu regarding the State budget.

REPORT ON THE ACCW MEETING

Commissioner Lesser reported that the ACCW Quarterly meeting was held in Sacramento on August 22, 2008. She also agreed to take over Commissioner Davalos' term as Vice President for the next nine months. The ACCW is having the Asilomar Retreat on November 14-16, 2008, all Commissioner throughout the State are welcome to attend. Rachel Michelin, CEO of Project Lead (formerly CEWAR) presented information on there focus to prepare and assist women for political office. Project Lead, in conjunction with the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women, will hold a seminar on October 16th at Los Angeles City Hall more details to come. Commissioner Lesser encouraged all Commissioners to attend. She also provided the summary of the August ACCW meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geneviève Clavreul reported that John Cochran, Health Department resigned in mid-July. She also spoke on two articles on King Drew and the IMS Commission report. Ms. Clavreul will participate as a speaker at Loma Linda American Health Care Conference on October 21 and 22, 2008.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Wilson commented that seniors have a very high percentage of AIDS and would like to see the Commission schedule a speaker to address this issue. President Duba referred the request to the Health and Older Women's Committee

Treasurer Freeman attended the birthday barbecue for Supervisor Antonovich, Fifth District. Treasurer Freeman attended the birthday barbecue for Supervisor Antonovich, Fifth District at the home of Dixie Eliopulos.

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

- Attended the Democratic National Convention (DNC) August 25 -28, 2008, Denver, CO.
- On August 25th from 10 am to 1 pm, she attended the Unconventional Women Symposium, Speakers included – House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Donna Brazile,

- Political Commentator, Ambassador Swanee Hunt, President Hunt Alternatives Fund, Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) and Marie Wilson, President the White House Project at Temple Buell Theatre, Denver Arts Center.
- Attended the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad reception for the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) with Warren Buffet and House Majority Whip, James Clyburn, S. Carolina, Union Station on August 25, 2008 from 6 pm – 8 pm.
- Attended the LA Sentinel's salute to CBC, Ritz Carlton Hotel on August 26, 2008.
- Attended the Regalettes' 50th Scholarship Fundraiser, Rose Garden-Exposition Park, Los Angeles on August 31, 2008 from 1 pm to 6 pm.

Commissioner Jernigan reported that she attended the Democratic National Convention and served on the Host Committee.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda):

Commissioner Jernigan requested that the purchase of an ad to Women Alive 18th Annual Divas Simply Singing on October 11, 2008 be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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GUESTS

Geneviève Clavreul
Pat Wilson