



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
San Mateo County Office Building
455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 402 (fourth floor)
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by CSW President Linda Koelling at 6:40 pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Becky Abens, Linda Koelling, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Vivian Lino, Chelsea Lo, Annie Lu, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Anisha Weber
Staff Present: Tanya Beat; Juda Tolmasoff
Supervisor Groom in attendance for the beginning of the meeting.

3. Public Comment

Approximately 18 members of the public in attendance.

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve by Christine Padilla, seconded by Anisha Weber. Unanimously approved.

5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, seconded by Becky Abens. Unanimously approved.

6. Approval of February RETREAT Minutes

Motion to approve by Anisha Weber, seconded by Becky Abens. Unanimously approved.

7. Report from Commission President

- a. Start with Supervisor Groom: Congratulations to the CSW for the WLC & WHoF. Great speakers and plenty of time to network and simply converse. Reported at the BOS that morning about the conference and Hall of Fame. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.
- b. Thanks to all for this successful event. Women of all ages in attendance and wanted more time to talk and network with people.
- c. Creating access to the CSW with meetings in North County and Coastsides.
- d. Will provide more feedback on the WLC & WHoF in the next agenda item.

8. Report from Commission Director

- Women's Exhibit collaboration was presented at the BOS meeting.
- County Appreciation Event – May 22, 5-7pm 555 Marshall Street
 - Becky moves to shorten our meeting time and start the May 22 meeting at 7pm; seconded by Linda Koelling; unanimously approved.
- Jefferson Union HS Resource Fair on March 31. **Fou volunteers to attend and report out for the next meeting.**
- The County is hosting a Retirement Celebration for Honora Miller on April 19, 5pm, room 101 at 455 County Center
 - **Marguerite volunteers to get a gift and gather donations from Commissioners**
- Debrief of Women's Leadership Conference & Women's Hall of Fame; want to look at ways to improve this event AND topics that are important to women that the CSW need to investigate.
 - Marguerite: appreciated the time spent to connect with people
 - Christine: appreciated time to connect with people & met new people. Loved to connect with fellow commissioners on a deeper level. Loved Kalimah's comment that "this was the most diverse event that she had been to in the County."
 - Linda: wanted more time talk with people.
 - Members of public: break-out sessions were great for tools/skills and wanted sessions to be longer. Loved networking AND sessions.
 - Becky: loved diversity and the volunteers; change the lunch & podium was too tall.
 - Annie: loved the networking & connections to resources; change making the break-out sessions longer
 - Marguerite: loved the diversity, energy, networking, keynote; change lunch process, cut off the last session too short
 - Anisha: loved diversity & positivity & volunteers; change the food process, acknowledge the March for Lives (group pic? & shout out)
 - Fou: enjoyed myself so much (felt guilty), one of the most diverse event I've attended (in over 20 years); wanted to see more youth. Perhaps next time go to school board mtgs & have Youth Commission there. Have little things at the table (candy? Chocolate?)
 - Christine: diversity was great and could be even more diverse. The energy was refreshing & positive; Change having Hall of Fame in the same room.
 - Christine: What is next? How do we leverage this energy and focus the CSW to create impactful change?
 - Vivian: proud of everyone
 - Juda: appreciate HR staff helping (Donna Vaillancourt & Rocio Kiryczun) & speakers were great. People were inspired. Change the timeline so that the work on it begins EARLY and confirm a date. Decide the audience, decide the topics/speakers. Start sponsor pitches early before the year end. Perhaps have Leila do a workshop on Sponsor "ask."

- Linda: wanted more Council members in attendance; need to keep resource tables all together.
- Tanya: Committed to the Commission is getting out and networking and being very active in the community.

9. Youth Commission Report – Chelsea Lo

- Superposition: all-girl Hackathon, March 17-18. Had 200 participants, 40 mentors, 30 finished projects. Thanks for the support!
- SMC Young Women’s Mentorship Night, April 18, 6-8:30pm. On a separate project, Annie needs more school board contacts for Bridge-Ed.

10. CSW Retreat Action Plans

- June in North County: a) Skyline College or b) Colma City (parking, right off highway) or c) Mills Peninsula Hospital / Daly City Library
- Fall in Coastside: Halfmoon Bay Library
- Option: do a Speak-Up that is not necessarily a CSW meeting – “special meeting”
- HMB Brewery Brews & Views – back room
- HMB Library and Community Center
- Ravenswood Health Center, Menlo Park
- Fou will ask for the North County
- Becky and Tanya will ask for Coastside (Marina Frazier in HMB)
 - Tanya will found out that the Exhibit will be at HMB from Sept – Nov
 - Linda will create press release and provide to Tanya
- Will report back at May mtg on locations, confirmed dates

Public Commentary:

- Have a CSW overview for the public aka elevator pitch
 - 2-3 slide deck, 30 sec videos (ie Pasadena CSW)
 - Provide access to the CSW that is more than just a meeting (virtual feedback, comment cards, surveys)
 - Leverage community groups to outreach to women regularly
 - Engaging immigrant women (translated docs, different ways to reach people)
- Provide letters of support examples to the CSW for CHOICES Program.
 - Homework for Commissioners: finish the Work Plan and look at what action items you want to volunteer for and take on.

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm; motioned by Christine Padilla and seconded by Vivian Lino. Unanimously approved.