

## San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women was held on May 4, 2021. This meeting was held by Zoom, and Paulla Ufferheide, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

### Members of the Commission Present or Absent:

#### Roll Call

Commissioner (Initials)	District	Present	Excused	Absent
Nancy Fiske	1		X	
Meghan Madsen	1	X		
Maria Escobedo	1	X		
Paulla Ufferheide	2	X		
Dixie Walker	2		X	
OPEN SEAT	2			
Beverly Abrah Younger	3	X		
Andrea Chmelik	3	X		
Victoria Condor-Williams	3	X		
Kathy Veder	4	X		
Stacy Meko	4	X		
Deb Geaslen	4	X		
Franny Arenas	5		X	
Shirley Summers	5		X	
OPEN SEAT	5			

### Guests/Introductions/Announcements

Sarah Sartain Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg District 3

Karen Chrisman

### Speaker/Presentations

#### Public Comment Period

No Comments reported

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021

A motion was made by Andrea Chmelik and seconded by Beverly Abrah Younger to accept the April 6, 2021 minutes as read.

*Motion Passes*

#### NACW DC Conference July 2021

The conference will be held July 18 – 22, 2021. The commission will pay for one commissioner to attend.

This will include airfare, hotel, meals and registration for the conference. Commissioners will contact Paulla Ufferheide if they are interested in attending.

### **Discussion on Adding Girls to the our Commission**

There was discussion to add “Girls” to the title and if there is any official requirements from the County to make this change. We also discussed adding Junior Commissioners to our roster.

### **Nominations of Officers**

A motion was made by Stacy Meko and seconded by Beverly Abrah Younger to nominate Andrea Chmelik as Chair of the Commission. Andrea accepted the nomination.

#### *Motion Passes*

Shirley Summers accepted the nomination to serve another term as Treasurer.

Deb Geaslen accepted the nomination to serve another term as Secretary

Maria Escobedo has resigned her seat as District 1 Commissioner

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Shirley Summers, Treasurer, reported the bank balances as:

CSW Account: \$7337.25

### **Commissioner Vacancies**

District 1 – Supervisor John Peschong: One (1) Vacancy

District 2 – Supervisor Bruce Gibson: One (1) Vacancy

District 5 – Supervisor Debbie Arnold: One (1) Vacancy

It is the goal of the COSW to fill all vacancies.

### **Social Media and Other Communications**

#### Newsletter

There was discussion regarding topics such as Menstrual Drive, Women’s Wall of Fame, update on AB367 and May being Mental Health Awareness Month.

#### Resources Page

The list will be broken up into twelve groups:

Group 1 – Andrea Chmelik

Group 2 – Victoria Condor-Williams

Group 3 – Dixie Walker

Group 4 – Stacy Meko

Group 5 – Deb Geaslen

Group 6 – Kathy Veder

Group 7 – Beverly Abrah Younger

Group 8 – Paulla Ufferheide

Group 9 – 12 To be assigned

#### Website

The Annual Report will be added to the website.

**2022 Women’s Wall of Fame**

The theme for the event will be called “Journeys of Courage”

The Date of the event will be on May 19, 2022

Nominations for awardee’s will be sometime in mid-summer

There was discussion regarding publicity using radio, other groups and city and county meetings.

**Actions on Results of Survey**

Cal Poly Collaboration

It was suggested that the commissioners meet with their Supervisor and bring back information that the commission can work with. We do not want to duplicate efforts being done by other groups or organizations.

Deb Geaslen will search out information regarding homeless women veterans and Sarah Sartain will reach out to Salvation Army regarding homeless women.

Feminine Hygiene Drive

The committee will update the commission as new information is available.

AB-367 Menstrual Equity Act of 2021

Andrea Chmelik suggested an idea of having a Zoom panel discussion open to the public to discuss and support AB367.

**Annual Report and Walking the Halls**

Paulla Ufferheide and Shirley Summers will meet with County Supervisors to discuss the Annual Report in more detail. It was recommended that the Commissioners get on the Supervisor’s schedule to meet quarterly.

**Other Discussions**

None

**Board of Supervisor’s Agenda Highlights**

No Report

**Regular Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 pm**

Respectfully submitted by *Deb Geaslen*, Secretary

Adopted by the Board of Directors in the meeting of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Presiding Officer\_\_\_\_\_