

## 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 April 6, 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

Ellen Preston

### Speaker/Presentations

Tracy Beard – ACCW – See attached information package

### Public Comment Period

No Comments reported

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

A motion was made by Dixie Walker and seconded by Andrea Chmelik to accept the March 2, 2021 minutes as read.

*Motion Passes*

### Treasurer's Report

Shirley Summers, Treasurer, reported the bank balances as:

CSW Account: \$4,487.25

Friends of CSW Account: \$0.00

### **Commissioner Vacancies**

District 2 – Bruce Gibson: One (1) Vacancy

District 5 – Debbie Arnold: One (1) Vacancy

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

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

#### Social Media

No Report

#### Newsletter

Andrea Chmelik is working on the FaceBook page and the newsletter. Abrah Younger has volunteered to proof read the newsletter before submission.

#### Resources Page

Dixie Walker requested that the contacts be updated. It was suggested that the commissioners could volunteer to help. Dixie Walker will send out a list and each commissioner can take a portion to update.

### **2022 Women’s Wall of Fame**

Meghan Madsen reported that the event will take place on March 12, 2022. She is planning for a full event to be held at the Madonna Inn. Meghan will email out to the commissioners a list of suggested event themes for review. The committee will be working on updating the sponsor list.

### **Report from meeting with Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg**

Abrah Younger and Andrea Chmelik meet with Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg and reported to the commission that she was in support of open dialog with her commissioners. She wants to be informed on the issues that the commission thinks is important to bring before the Board of Supervisors. The current issues that stand out to Supervisor Ortiz-Legg are homelessness, child care, mental health, with the focus on women and children.

It was suggested that instead of sending the COSW minutes to the Board of Supervisors, an actions item report be sent and commissioners would follow up with their Supervisor for further discussions and outcomes.

### **Actions on Results of Survey**

#### Cal Poly Intern

No Report

#### Feminine Hygiene Drive

Shirley Summers talked about the history of the hygiene drive and the successes. No date has been set yet. It was discussed that the drive be held every other year, opposite the WWF. Kathy Veder and Shirley Summers are working on collection and distribution locations. It was suggested that the commission makes a request for the Board of Supervisors to make a public service announcement.

**AB-367 Menstrual Equity Act of 2021**

After discussion regarding AB-367, it was suggested that the commission reach out to the Board of Supervisors to enact a resolution of support.

A motion was made by Andrea Chemlik and seconded by Victoria Condor-Williams to draft a letter asking the Board of Supervisors for their support of AB-367 and to ensure that the County of San Luis Obispo public access bathrooms are stocked with free menstrual products.

*Motion Passes*

**Other Discussions**

Paulla Ufferheide will prepare the Annual Report to present to the Board of Supervisors on April 20, 2021.

**Board of Supervisor’s Agenda Highlights**

Dixie Walker reported: Fanny Arenas was appointed to District 5 on March 23, 2021 and Victoria Condor Williams was appointed to District 3 on April 6, 2021.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted by *Deb Geasler*, Secretary

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

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