

Solano Commission for Women and Girls
Summary Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 6:00pm

The February 20, 2020, meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) was held in the Multipurpose Room (1600) on the first floor of Solano County Administration Center located at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls was called to order at 6:12pm. Meeting Chaired by Vice Chair Petty

ROLL CALL

Members Present (10)

Ana Petero	Solano County, District 2
Gayle Vaughan	City of Benicia
Tiffani Thomas	City of Suisun
Elease Cheek	City of Vallejo
Judi Ruggiero-Ferrara	City of Vacaville
Sabine Goerke-Shrode	Solano County, District 3
Laura Petty	Solano County, District 5
Doriss Panduro	SCWG Appointment
Cornelia Gibson	City of Fairfield
Akon Walker	SCWG Appointment

Members Absent (6)

Olivia Ruiz	Solano County, District 1
Rochelle Sherlock	Solano County Office of Education
Mary Lou Batchelor	City of Dixon
Kay Kelley	City of Rio Vista
Jennifer Hamilton	Solano County, District 4
Sakina Ali	SCWG Appointment

Youth Commissioner, Vacant

Staff, Speakers, and Guests Present/Announcements

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC/BOARD MEMBER

This is your opportunity to address the Commission on a matter not listed on the Agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SCWG. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

No public comments

I. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Commissioner Vaughan, seconded by Commissioner Goerke-Shrode Vote: Unanimous

II. Approval of the December 19th, 2019 SCWG Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December minutes made by Commissioner Panduro,
seconded by Commissioner Gibson Vote: Approve – 8, Abstention – 2

REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Events Committee

Chair Gibson: Events Committee met and reviewed information from the previous meeting regarding the inclusion of women and girls and chose to focus on girls. A future event will focus on women. A suggested name for the event is “She is Solano Fierce”. The target population are girls through the age of 19, with a minimum of five girls from each city, a need for photographer videographer, and the unveiling ceremony is planned for some time in August. The nature of the event is to highlight girls through the age of 18, nominated as fierce and having done something special. A photo display will be included at the event. Possible locations for the event include the Fairfield Community Center (Willow Hall).

Question: Who’s taking the photos?

Answer: Videographer/Photographer is needed. Photographs are not submitted. Nominated girls will voted on and their photos will be displayed. A discussion ensued to include the Communications Committee in order to promote the event. After nominations are submitted, nominees will be notified. Commissioner Vaughan noted the challenges the Communications Committee had regarding the logo contest. The next meeting will be on March 9, where process and deadlines will be discussed. Finally, nominations will be available Countywide.

Vice Chair Petty suggested that the Communications Committee reconvene to work with the Events Committee. Commissioner Gibson will contact Commissioner Ruiz, Chair of the Communications Committee, to coordinate process.

2. Fiscal Agent/Financing and Fund Development

Table for March Meeting

3. Status Report

Commissioner Ferrara presented on behalf of the Status Report Committee: She has data except from Vacaville. Data has been given to Commissioner Hamilton. Graphs have been made illustrating additional data analysis. Clarification: Statistics on women as crime victims?

Question: Are you in touch with consultants?

Commissioner Ferrara was contacted by the consultants on February 20, stating that they will contact the committee for any questions they may have, however, she is not in the loop regarding other data. Commissioner Goerke-Shrode added that data for seniors will be incorporated under women, in general.

There was a review of the discussion from the last meeting regarding the timetable to complete the report as well as printing costs. Commissioner Cheek inquired as to discount printing costs and will follow-up as will Commissioner Petero. Commissioner Cheek stated that the layout and length of the report are important to know when asking for estimates, as sponsorships were discussed at the previous meeting and how their names/logos will be featured in the printing of the report.

There was a question regarding the layout of report. Will individual stories be included in the report as was discussed at previous meetings? Commissioner Ruggiero-Ferrara stated that there has not been a committee meeting in the last few months, and are letting the consultants do their job as to what will be in the report.

A question was posed regarding the final product as well as distribution of the report.

Answer: Basic statistics on women and girls will determine the narrative of the report. A suggestion was made that the report is presented to respective cities as well as the Board of Supervisors. Commissioners can present them to their respective appointers. Presenters ought to be noted in the report.

Vice Chair Petty stated that cost needs to be addressed, in Executive and Status Report Committees, regarding sponsorships and recognition. This issue will be presented to Chair Sherlock for discussion at the next Executive meeting. More detailed information regarding the final product will be available at the March SCWG meeting.

A suggestion was made to call an emergency meeting before the report is completed as there was concern as to what the final product will include and look like. Commissioner Ruggiero-Ferrara reiterated that the report will include data, analysis, and explanation which will advise/inform the status of women and girls in Solano County.

Question: Will the report action to be taken?

Answer: The report is a jumping-off point which will allow the Commission to make recommendations for future advocacy and work for women and girls in Solano County.

Commissioner Cheek clarified action items for this issue:

- a. Hold on printing until length is final.
- b. The Commission meet with the consultant.

c. Move March meeting to earlier than the scheduled date.

d. Commissioner Ruggiero-Ferrara will contact the consultant. She will also contact the Status Report Committee for additional information to report to the Commission.

Commissioner Walker suggested that the Executive or Status Committee report to the entire Commission in lieu of a full Commission meeting before scheduled March meeting.

A suggestion was made that Commissioner Ruggiero-Ferrara's report determine the necessity of rescheduling the SCWG March meeting. Logistics is an issue.

Summary: Executive Committee to meet with Status Report Committee and consultant to determine whether or not an emergency meeting is warranted. Additional information required is the length of the report.

4. League of Women Voters

Commissioner Vaughan gave a presentation on the League of Women Voters:

The League is celebrating its 100th year as of February 14. It was part of the suffragette movement. Congress gave consent and insisted that the group is non-partisan. The mission is political, non-partisan made up of women and men. Group members are as young as 16 years old; citizenship is not necessary.

Activities include voter registration. Service areas: County Wide. Commissioner Vaughan is the chair of voter service. In 2020, five high school presentations were made, and candidate forums for Board of Supervisor candidates were organized and held.

"Great Decisions" group meets at the Benicia Library every Monday. Topics vary and the meetings are well attended.

Voter's Edge is a website where politicians may enter information which is accessible to the public.

"Adopt a Poll" volunteer at a polling place, training sign-ups.

Meet local officials. Next meet and greet will be on Friday, February 28, at 5:30pm, at the end of 1st Street. Vacaville will be in the fall. No political or campaign paraphernalia is permitted at the meet-and-greets.

Program planning is for members only where positions on issues are discussed based on the two branches of education and advocacy. Issues discussed: Climate Change, Homelessness, Voter Rights.

Membership meeting is in May, \$70 to join: Benicia Mayor, Elizabeth Patterson, will be the keynote speaker on May 21, 7pm. The current President of the League of Women Voters in Solano County is Niles Medders.

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5. Committee Updates

A. Executive Committee

No report

B. Communications Committee

No report

C. Membership Committee

Commissioner Cheek: Working on policies regarding membership application and process. One youth appointee position is still open. Commissioner Cheek will resend the application.

Commissioner Ruggiero-Ferrara suggested that applications be sent to ASB teachers.

D. Status Report Committee

See item 3

6. Future Agenda Items

a. Fiscal agent, Funding

b. Infuse monthly celebratory events with SCWG

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020, from 6-8pm *unless there is an emergency meeting.*

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