

Regular Meeting Agenda

October 30, 2014

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Oklahoma State Capitol Room 512-A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Women's History Moment
- IV. Minutes of September 23, 2014 Meeting
- V. Reports:
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Executive Director
 - Finance Report
 - Secretary
 - Advisory Council
 - NACW
- VI. Presentation, Sarah Jane Rose: Women Candidates
- VII. Revisions to Policies and Procedures – **vote**
- VIII. Report, 20th Anniversary Event
- IX. New Business/Unfinished Business
- X. Announcements
- XI. Next Meeting: November 13, 2014 Governor's Pavilion
- XII. Adjournment

Minutes

Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

1:30 P.M. – October 30, 2014

Oklahoma State Capitol, Room 512-A, Oklahoma City, OK

Commission Members Present: Lou Kohlman, Beverly Binkowski, Mary Louise Binning, Jean Lehr, Valeska Littlefield, Shondra McCage, Bernice Mitchell, Chris Morriss, Karen Sneary, Victoria Woods

Commission Members Excused: Rita Aragon, Brenda Barwick, Maria Braly-del Carman Trapp, Patty Bryant, Lee Denney, AJ Griffin, Catherine Haynes, Denise Kinzie, Jadine Nollan, Nikki Waters, Adeline Yerkes

Commission Members Absent: Linda Haneborg, Amy McCord, Terri Neese, Nancy Smith, Peggy Thompson, Valerie Thompson

Advisory Members Present: Mary Larson

Staff Present: Kitti Asberry

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by OCSW Chair Lou Kohlman. The roll was taken and it was ascertained that a quorum was present.

Women's History Moment:

Chair Lou Kohlman presented a Women's History Moment. 12-year-old Jennifer Yu of Ashburn, Virginia won the 12-and-under title at last month's 2014 World Youth Chess Championship in Durban, South Africa after going undefeated in 11 matches. Jennifer, who has been playing chess since the first grade, "stole the show" in the words of chess grandmaster Ben Fineman. Her accomplishment also makes her the first American girl to win a title at the world championship in 27 years. Also, Children's rights activists Malala Yousafzai, 17, won the Nobel Peace Prize - a statement she waited to make until she had finished school for the day. The 17-year-old woman from Pakistan is the youngest to win the award. She is a survivor who was shot by the Taliban determined to stop girls from attending school. She champions children, girls' education, and literacy.

Reports:

Written reports were presented.

Chair Report: Chair Lou Kohlman wished Commissioner Bernice Mitchell a happy birthday. Chair Kohlman has been invited to speak at the DAR banquet April 23, 2015. Also, she discussed the study and report of the Tulsa Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women. The study was published in the Tulsa World. The study pertained to Incarcerated Women. A forum was held as part of the study that discussed statistics for incarcerated women in Oklahoma, sentencing laws, the correlation between the growing number of private prisons and the number of women incarcerated, the impact incarceration of a mother has on children, and re-entry challenges.

Discussion was held about the duplication of efforts. Mary Louise Binning mentioned that the OCSW needs to be sure to reach out to groups so they know about the OCSW and work that has already been conducted and research that we currently have. Kitti Asberry suggested inviting members of the Tulsa Mayor's Commission to the December meeting that will be held in Tulsa. Jean Lehr suggested approaching the Governor's office to see if we can facilitate a meeting with all groups interested so that groups can combine efforts and not "reinvent the wheel."

Vice Chair: Vice Chair Mary Louise Binning discussed the upcoming events for the Commission. A nominating committee needed to be in place this month in order to stay within the timeline for the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame Event for April. The timeline is as follows: January will be the deadline for nominations, announce winners in February, conduct a media campaign about the event in February and March, and hold the event April 9 at the History Center. Rebecca Kennedy will present a history of the Hall of Fame. Rita Aragon will be the emcee for the event. Brenda Barwick will do publicity as well OMES. Tickets will not be sold for the Hall of Fame event in April, but sponsorships are welcomed. The Commission is encouraged to help get the word out about the event.

NACW Representative: NACW Representative Bernice Mitchell reported that the National Association of Commissions for Women is updating all of the information needed to comply with the new Strategic Plan and setting priorities. Bernice will serve on the Bylaws and Nominating Committees. She will also serve as a member of the Finance Committee. The Eastern Quadrant is exploring having a regional conference for better branding of NACW. Bids will go out on November 1 to solicit hosts for the 2016 or 2017 conference. The states currently vying for either year are Hawaii, Massachusetts, New York, Iowa, and Los Angeles, California. Commissioners are encouraged to send events held by OCSW so these can be posted on the national website. Chari Kohlman mentioned that she would like to see Oklahoma host the national conference at some time.

Advisory Council Chair: No report

Executive Director Report: Purchase orders have been filled out and submitted for past events. An inventory of items in the office has been conducted and supplies have been ordered. The ED also set up and managed the booth at the State Capitol for Employee Healthcare. She thanked Beverly Binkowski for providing resources and help at the OK Health Fair. The ED also represented the Commission at the Women Count event. The website is being updated and documents are being condensed on the computer. She is coordinating the activities associated with the 20th Anniversary celebration to be held in November.

Financial Report: The financial report for FY14 has remained unchanged.

Revisions to Policies and Procedures: A vote was taken for Revisions to Policies and Procedures that were discussed at the August 14 Retreat and also at the September meeting. Chris Morris made a motion to accept the revisions to the Policies and Procedures as presented. Mary Louise Binning seconded. Motion passed.

Date of November Meeting: Bernice Mitchell made a motion for the November meeting to occur on either November 13 or November 20 depending on the availability of the Pavilion. Jean Lehr seconded. Motion passed.

20th Anniversary Event Report: The luncheon will take place at the Pavilion. The date of the event will be November 13 so the governor can attend. The Commission will use the Pavilion's catering. Legislators who were present when the legislature creating the OCSW will be invited as will all Champions for Women, past Hall of Fame recipients, and Legislators. Jean Lehr was thanked for her work on the design of the invitations for the event. Victoria Woods was also thanked for providing the support to host the link for payment of tickets to the event online.

Presentation – Women Candidates: Sarah Jane Rose will present on Women Candidates at a future meeting as she was unable to attend the October meeting.

Announcements: Mary Larson discussed the traveling exhibit in Stillwater on the Dust Bowl. Dr. Jennifer Paustenbaugh will present Voices from the Dust: Oklahoma Women Tell Their Stories. Additional events will be held in November and conclude December 2.

Next Meeting: The November meeting will be held at the Governor's Pavillion after the conclusion of the 20th Anniversary Celebration on November 13, 2014. The December meeting will be held December 11 in Tulsa.

Adjournment : With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Holiday Luncheon and Meeting Agenda

December 11, 2014

Noon – 3:30 p.m.

Women in Recovery

Family & Children's Services, Sarah and John Graves Center

2325 S. Harvard, Tulsa, OK

- I. Luncheon begins at noon
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Minutes of September 23, 2014 and October 30, 2014 Meetings
- V. Report, 20th Anniversary Luncheon
- VI. Hall of Fame
- VII. Kate Barnard Luncheon and Award
- VIII. Tour, Women in Recovery
- IX. Announcements
- X. Next Meeting: January 22, 2014, REI Women's Business Center, 800 Research Parkway, Suite 305, Oklahoma City
- XI. Adjournment

Minutes

Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

12:00 P.M. – December 11, 2014

Women in Recovery – Family & Children’s Services, Sarah and John Graves Center, Tulsa, OK

Commission Members Present: Lou Kohlman, Catherine Haynes, Bernice Mitchell, Jadine Nollan, Karen Sneary, Adeline Yerkes, Estella Hernandez (New Commissioner)

Commission Members Excused: Rita Aragon, Brenda Barwick, Beverly Binkowski, Mary Louise Binning, Maria Braly-del Carman Trapp, Patty Bryant, Lee Denney, AJ Griffin, Linda Haneborg, Joyce Horton, Denise Kinzie, Jean Lehr, Shondra McCage, Amy McCord, Chris Morriss, Terri Neese, Nancy Smith, Nikki Watters, Victoria Woods

Commission Members Absent: Valeska Littlefield, Peggy Thompson, Valerie Thompson

Advisory Members Present: Jo Ann Bullard, Lydia D’Ross-Gonzales, Roberta Hamilton, Pat Martin, Pam Peterson, Mary Walker

Staff Present: Kitti Asberry

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by OCSW Chair Lou Kohlman at 12:45 p.m. The roll was taken and it was ascertained that there was not a quorum. Estella Hernandez was introduced as the newest member of the OCSW. She filled Karla Wallace’s vacancy.

Minutes of September 23, 2014 and October 30, 2014 Meetings

The minutes from the September and October 2014 meetings were not approved due to the commission not having a quorum.

Women’s History Moment

Commissioner Adeline Yerkes recognized the efforts of Representative Barbara Staggs who recently passed. She was a key member to organizing and providing the language for the Commission. She also was key to establishing the revolving fund for the Commission. In 2004, she also wrote additional legislation to establish language for the Women’s Incarceration Task Force.

Officer Reports

Commissioner Bernice Mitchell announced that the NACW membership applications are available and encouraged everyone to join.

Report, 20th Anniversary Luncheon

Chair Lou Kohlman provided a report on the 20th Anniversary Luncheon. The event was a success and several Hall of Fame members were present. There will be a more formal report on the finances in January.

Hall of Fame Update

Chair Kohlman stated that the nomination packets for the Hall of Fame are online. The OMES Publicity and Communications group will help with the publicity as well as the OCSW. OMES has created an email list of parties to send the applications to and to notify of the event. She reminded everyone that if interested in working on the Hall of Fame, to notify Kitti Asberry.

Kate Barnard Luncheon and Award Update

The Kate Barnard Luncheon and Award will be held in February at the State Capitol. Commissioner Denise Kinzie is chairing the event.

Women in Recovery Tour

Mimi Tarrasch, director of the program was presented with an OCSW Champion for Women certificate by Chair Lou Kohlmann. Director Tarrasch also gave an overview of the program and its successes. Amy Santee from the George Kaiser Family Foundation also is a partner with the Women in Recovery program. The program was informative and provided the OCSW with information about the program.

Announcements

The OCSW has been approached about two other projects: TAP Project at the Carl Albert Center and also a project with the Tulsa Shock. More information will be provided to the Commission as it becomes available.

The January meeting will be held at the REI Women's Business Center in Oklahoma City.

Adjournment

With no additional business the meeting adjourned.