

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Boardmember Kim Schneider called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall.

A. **Roll Call:**

Gretchen Fine
Suzann Gage
Julia Gandelsman
Barbara Hamaker
Mina Kedar
Dona Klein
Wendy Krueger
Nadine Le Gouguec
Judy Lubin
Carolyn Martin
Judith Mayo
Rae Mitchell
Kim Schneider

STAFF:

Fran Solomon

II. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Laria Phippen, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce spoke about plans for the Women In Business Awards. The Awards this year will be, March 15th at the Grange (showroom on San Vicente & Melrose) from 6 PM-8 PM. Food sponsors are needed. Five honorees need to be determined. Also, special Chamber Award, Phyllis Morris Award. Subcommittee has a working list but it does not preclude group from choosing other names of candidates.

III. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers:

The Board will conduct elections for new presiding officers:

Chair:

Gretchen Fine nominated Judith Mayo for Chair.

Barbara Hamaker nominated Wendy Krueger for Chair .

Vote: Wendy Krueger was elected chair 6-5.

Vice Chair:

Gretchen Fine nominated Judith Mayo.

Vote: Judith Mayo was unanimously elected Vice Chair

Secretary:

Carolyn Martin was unanimously elected Secretary.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

Wrap up report on Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tamar Springer was instrumental to the mobile breast cancer appointments program but it was not well attended this year. The change of venue problem and the van was late. Waited for 2 ½ hours. Need to discuss communication problems with the technicians, etc. Also suggested bone density scans. Three people attended the workshop on alternate treatments for cancer that Suzann Gage held at Progressive Health Services. The Art Meyers Exhibit was beautifully done but only had an okay attendance. The Board discussed possible ways of improving next year's programming—such as teaming up with Cedars Sinai Hospital.

KIM SCHNEIDER NEEDED TO LEAVE AND WENDY KRUEGER PRESIDED OVER THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

B. Ageism Panel Discussion:

Wendy Krueger gave a wrap-up report on the panel discussion on ageism co-sponsored with Women In Film on November 12, 1999 at the Pacific Design Center. Faye Dunaway was one of guest speakers. The event was very successful and the auditorium was filled to capacity. There was a very good presentation from AARP. However the next ageism event will not be in West Hollywood.

C. Domestic Violence/Partner Abuse Report:

Fran Solomon reported that the Townhall on Partner Abuse was cancelled due to lost power at WeHo Auditorium during this meeting. Over 100 people in the room. Going to be rescheduled. People were incredibly disappointed.

D. Women's History Month:

The Board discussed programming ideas for Women's History Month 2000.

Banner Project:

The subcommittee needs to meet and decide who will be honored this year.

Suggested names included-- *Rose Bird (Supreme Court Justice), Margaret Sanger, Rachel Carson*

Suzann Gage, Judith Mayo & Rae Mitchell were designated to serve on the Sub-committee.

International Women's Day:

Subcommittee: Wendy, Mina & Nadine.

March 8th.

Focus is on equal pay. Fran suggested getting someone from the unions.

Rae Mitchell will contact Women's International League for Peace & Freedom.

Women's Health Event: Suzann Gage will conduct two workshops—"Lesbians Considering Parenting" and a menopause workshop. Dates to be confirmed next month.

Event for Women w/ Children:

Barbara Hamaker pointed out that WAB does not really deal with mothers and suggested linking with the City's monthly "Saturdays in the Park" program.

Miscellaneous: Possible screening of Fellini's "Women City". Also, Annie Liebowitz's exhibit of women. Museum of Tolerance exhibit "Between A Rock & A Hard Place" for the next 3 weeks. Maybe organize as a group?

E. Legislative Updates:

TABLED.

F. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports:

No reports.

V. BOARD RETREAT:

The Board discussed having a retreat. **Suggestions for dates:** May 6th, 7th, or 13th. Wendy Kruger will call hotels to see what is available. **Time:** 9 am-1pm (breakfast and lunch)

VI. Million Mom March:

Fran Solomon reported that the City Council (Martin & Heilman) will have council agenda February 7th. She encouraged members to call toll free number or website and attend the council meeting to support the meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD:

Julia Gandelsman had a baby.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff will update the Woman's Advisory Board on issues within the Board's purview.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.