**Solano Commission for Women and Girls**

**Zoom Meeting**

**January 21, 2021**

**5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** *The meeting was called to order by Chair Petty at 5:30 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

Ana Petero Solano County, District 2

Sabine Goerke-Shrode Solano County, District 3

Jennifer Hamilton Solano County, District 4

Laura Petty Solano County, District 5

Gayle Vaughan City of Benicia

Pat Nicodemus City of Dixon

Kay Kelley City of Rio Vista

Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun

Elease Cheek(Late) City of Vallejo

Edith Thomas City of Vacaville

Andrea Lemos Solano County Office of Education

Doriss Panduro Member at Large

Akon Walker Member at Large

Sakina Ali Youth Member at Large

**Members Absent**

Oliva Ruiz Solano County, District 1

Dr. Rechelle Nettles City of Fairfield

**Visitors**

Carla Gregory (Events Planning Committee)

Tamuri Richardson ( Poverty work team)

Greta Dole (a youth contestant in the logo contest )

Shannon Carter (presenter for Equity Training)

Rozalind Cinnamon-Johnson

**Staff, Speakers, and Guests Present/Announcements**

*None*

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC/BOARD MEMBER**

*-Chair Petty acknowledged the election of the first woman, first woman of color vice-president, reviewing Kamala Harris’ successes as Attorney General and Senator from California. Chair Petty introduced Shannon Carter and Akon Walker as our presenters tonight. She also acknowledged some of our visitors for their commitment to service on our committees. Ms. Dole introduced herself as having participated in our logo contest, and has an interest in studying politics college and thought as a high school student it would be good for her to attend our meetings.*

*-Commissioner Vaughan clarified that those who have taken the Brown Act Training in any capacity don’t need to take it again. Those needing to renew (every two years) can do so by taking the Ethics Training at AB1234 through the Secretary of State.*

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: *None*
2. Approval of Jan 21 Agenda: *Motion to approve was made by Commissioner* Kelly and seconded by Commissioner *Petero, Vote was unanimous*.
3. Approval of the December 17, 2020 SCWG Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner* Goerke-Shrode, Vote was unanimous.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

Update on Planning for Women in Leadership Series:

*Chair Petty gave a quick update explaining that there will be virtual presentations of panels of women on each Thursday in March ( 4, 11,18, and 25) from 4 to 5:30.*  *Interviews of the women will be conducted by young women supervised by several adult volunteers*. *Chair Petty read out a list of women who will be participating, but will send out specific names with dates later. Commissioner Lemos is collecting donations of raffle prizes and gift cards. Chair Petty will send out information about how to make donations: just email Commissioner Lemos is you want to donate toward $10 gift cards. Any further questions about the Event can be addressed to Chair Petty, or Commissioners Lemos, Nicodemus or Goerke-Shrode.*

1. Brief Discussion of Working Groups Survey & Check-In

*-Maternal and Infant group is meeting at noon on Feb. 1: contact Commissioner Dr. Tiffani Thomas.*

*-Poverty, houseless, and food insecurity group will combine forces and meet on Friday, Feb 12, at 1 pm: contact Commissioner Edie Thomas.*

1. Update on Planning for Commission Retreat

*Commissioners Panduro, Edie Thomas and Ali are working on planning the retreat which will be held on Sunday, Feb 7 from 1-4pm. Agenda has been planned great activities and a guest speaker. Commissioner Ali described a prompt to answer before the event. Please submit a song that is the soundtrack of your life…*

1. Update on Presentations to Soroptimists & Board of Supervisors

*Commissioner Hamilton reported out on our proposed presentation to the Board of Supervisors. They are meeting only virtually, and are very busy with Covid-19 and other emergency issues. County staff suggests that we wait until later to make an oral presentation. Our required Annual report is on the consent calendar for January 26.*

*Chair Petty and Commissioner Hamilton have developed a short slideshow presentation that highlights talking points about what we have done and what we are doing.*

*Chair Petty encouraged other Commissioners to participate in a speaker’s bureau and to contact her if you are interested.*

*Commissioner Kelly requested a presentation to the Rio Vista Soroptimist Group since they were one of the major donors. Chair Petty volunteered to do that. She will be speaking to the Dixon Soroptimists. She and Commissioner Edie Thomas will be presenting to the Vacaville City Council on Feb. 9th. Commissioner Vaughan spoke to the Benicia City Council on Feb. 2.*

1. Ms. Carter and Walker presented the second part of “Advancing Racial Equity Training”.

**ADJOURN** Chair Petty adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm

**Next Meeting:** February 18, 2021