

**St. Mary County  
Commission for Women Minutes  
April 18, 2005  
Carter Building, 5:30pm**

**Attendees:** Norma Pipkin, Patricia Friend, Jessica Kriss, Susan Wolfe, and Ceandra Scott

**Excused:** Katie Werne

**Staff Liaison:** Cynthia Brown, Division of Community Services

The meeting was convened at 5:40pm. The minutes were accepted as presented with one correction (correction to the spelling of Susan Wolfe's last name).

Cynthia Brown gave a financial report. The Commission's balance is \$850. Commission members voted to spend the funds on domestic violence related materials to distribute to the community for awareness/educational purposes. Norman Pipkin researched and agreed to assist with ordering the materials.

Commission Retreat – June 4<sup>th</sup> appears to be the best date for members present. C. Brown will email the rest of the membership for confirmation. Jessica Kriss offered to help secure a location. The agenda for the retreat will be determined at the next monthly meeting on May 16.

Domestic Violence Forum – It was decided to postpone plans to coordinated a community forum in light of the County Commissioner's recently appointed Domestic Violence Task Force. The Task Force will make recommendations to the County Commissioners on domestic violence related issues, including the establishment of a safe house and the efficient coordination of services. The CFW looks forward to working with the Task Force in the areas of advocacy and education.

Commission Website – C. Brown is confirming with the County's Public Information Office on the best way to proceed.

Election of Officers – tabled to discuss at the retreat.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Brown