

April 7, 1972

WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER BULLETIN
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MEETINGS!! MEETINGS!! MEETINGS!!

GENERAL MEETING - Sunday, April 16, 1:00 p.m., Institute of Policy Studies,
1520 New Hampshire Ave. N.E.
2nd floor seminar room

LEGAL PROJECT - See letter attached

Tuesday, April 11 - 7:30 p.m., 609-21st Street, N.H.

Contact: Liz Dunst - 965-1432(h), 496-6043(w)

HOUSING & FUNDRAISING - These groups are meeting together now as they are so interrelated.

Wednesday, April 12 - 8:30 p.m., Cathedral Ave. N.W.

Contact: Liz Wilbrandt, 333-0761(h)

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION - Friday, April 14, 8:00 p.m., 2134 Wisconsin Ave, N.J.

Some women have expressed a need to discuss some basic questions about our purpose and process which never seem to be dealt with adequately at general meetings because of the pressure to deal with the seemingly more immediate decisions and work. With this purpose in mind this workshop is purely discussion - no business!! Some of the questions we would like to discuss are:

Whose needs will the Women's Center serve?

How will we serve them? (Questions of staff and volunteer)

What is our decision making process? And is it adequate to our purposes?

How will policy be made for the Women's Center?

Do we need a more viable coordinating process?

We hope that all women will give thought to these questions and come to the discussion to exchange their ideas.

CRISIS CENTER - Saturday, April 15, 1:00 p.m., 1629 Columbia Rd., N.W., Apt. 317

Contact: Carol - 265-5688(h)

"We need alot of help and ideas from as many women as possible."

MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT - Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., 2702 Wisconsin Ave, Apt. 600
Contact: Ellen Kennally - 462-8787

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HEALTH PROJECT - Saturday mornings, 10:00 a.m. at Georgetown Free Clinic
Wisconsin Ave. & Volta Pl.

LIBRARY PROJECT -

We would like to start gathering resources for the library and if you have any books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc, to donate to the Women's Center library contact Betsy Emerich, 362-5961 or Caroline Raschick, 387-9496.

WOMEN'S PHONE AND OFFICE COLLECTIVE -

We need filing cabinets, an electric typewriter, and lots of mimeograph paper!! Having to spend money on paper means we have to start using some of our funds raised for the Center and we hate to do it. If you have some of these items, call the Women's Phone, 232-5145, and make arrangements to get them to the office at 1724-20th St. N.W.

We also need more women to join the Office Collective!!! We are planning a Women's Phone Training Meeting on Tuesday, April 18 - 6:30 p.m. at the Phone Office, 1724-20th St. N.W., 3rd floor for women who would like to join the collective and staff the phone. As we expect this office to be the central heartbeat of the Women's Center, we are trying to prepare ourselves for this work by starting now.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS -

00000000000000000000 WOMEN'S SONG AND DANCE FEST 00000000000000000000

Will be held on Friday, May 12 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
At the GAA Hall - 1213-1219-13th St. N.W.
(Between M & N Sts., sits back off 13th St, behind the
Doggett's parking lot.)
Live entertainment, Singing, Music Making, Dancing
\$2 Donation to the Women's Center

The Organizing Committee for the Dance needs help with publicity, etc. and is meeting on Monday, April 10, 8:00 p.m. at 609-21st St. N.W. Contact Ann Hatfield, 347-3776 if you want to help organize and work on the Dance Fest.

The Fundraising Committee has suggested a couple of fund raising ideas and is doing some preliminary work on getting them started. One is a Concert Benefit with women entertainers (trying to get Judy Collins, Carol King, Laura Nyro, Roberta Flack, etc.). Another is a Commemorative Poster of the Washington Women's Center to sell. If you have any talent or skills to offer in working on these projects, please contact Lynda Weston (poster), 585-7326, or Kathie Garner (concert), 232-1461.

During the next two weeks women working on Fundraising will be calling everyone on the mailing list to discuss individual commitments to making the Center work through monthly sustainers. All will be asked how much they can commit to the financial survival of the Center.

HOUSING -

The Committee has been checking several places besides Mary's Blue Room and will be setting up some open houses for everyone to look at the places. We hope to be able to announce the times and places at the General Meeting on the 16th.

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Our phone is: 232-5145

Dear Sister,

Many women have recognized the need within the center for a legal counseling group to provide, among other things, information about the law in an educational capacity as well as to provide advice on particular problems. This is especially needed in the family law area. But recognizing the need is not enough. We have to start talking about the form and shape a legal component of the Women's Center ideally should and realistically can take. This type of discussion needs input from each woman who wants to see the Center be responsive to the needs of the women's community - law students, lawyers, lay people and legal workers. The responsibility for the Women's Center legal component, if there is to be one, cannot and should not depend solely upon lawyers for its form. It is in response to the need to start talking and defining the concept of a legal group that a meeting has been called for Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m., 609-21st Street, N.W.

This will be the first organizational meeting for a legal project, and it is important that all who are interested attend.

Several ideas have been expressed in the general meetings concerning how a legal project could operate. There have been suggestions of legal counseling several nights a week done by members of existing legal groups and ones that might be forming. Another idea was to have a foundation funded legal collective (i.e. lawyers and legal workers) who would work within the Center in projects such as "Women in Transition". A third suggestion was to have a legal collective work out of the Center with an arrangement that they would provide a certain portion of their time to the Center (i.e. work with the Women in Transition Program) and support them selves with outside cases. As you can tell by reading the above list, each suggestion has its good and bad points, and in addition there are surely many other ways a legal group could relate to the Center.

So, at this point, before any decisions are made we need input from all--
Please come to the meeting and share your ideas with us, so that
the ideal of the Center Legal Project and the reality of the
Legal Project can be one and the same.

In struggle & sisterhood,
Liz Dunst, Bev Fisher

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