

MINUTES – Central Okanagan Regional Womens Committee

Saturday June 25 2016

IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Yaciw
Darrel-Lee McKenzie
Linda Woods
Carolyn McGillivray
Michele Sibson
Joanne Hay
Robert Strang , PSAC(by phone)

MISSING:

Kelly Megyesi
Annette Hale
Joy Harrison
Joan Coburn
Shiv Reddy

REGRETS:

Maria Luiza Romano

DISCUSSION (and reminder) about the BC Regional Womens Conference in Vancouver September 23 – 25 2016

Reminder that applications due AUGUST 5 2016 – 5 sisters from Central Okanagan will be selected (including Chair, Michele Sibson, who is on the Organizing Committee) – approval letters should be expected approx Aug 22 2016 (CORWC has submitted 4 applications to date)

There is space for 65 participants

REMINDER about the additional project at the conference – providing gently used professional clothing to be donated to the Downtown Eastside Womens Resource Centre

REMINDER about the callout for Resolutions due August 25 2016 – there was a suggestion to consider a resolution regarding Gender Equity for future conferences – no significant discussion at this time

There was also some concern about the # of seats assigned from outlying areas – general opinion was that there was much too little space allocated for Sisters from outside of the conference area – Budget restrictions were recognized but there was still a feeling of “unfairness of seat distribution” as there is often significant interest expressed from Sisters living in communities away from Vancouver.

LINDA WOODS advised about STATSCAN Pay Equity VICTORY! Congratulations were expressed Virginia Vaillancourt (BC PSAC Regional Womens Committee Chair) sent a request for photos of all Women’s Committee members “at committee work” for a display at the conference – no one at the table was aware of any photos available

KELLY MEGYESI sent an email requesting the committee set an action achievement for year – suggested the committee consider contribute \$500 to an October event regarding diversity and/or foreign workers Kelly and MARIA LUIZA to provide more details

Kelly also reminded us about the “am I next?” campaign in which the CORWC participated – the founder, Holly Jarrett was honoured by Amnesty Canada & Sisters in Spirit for collecting 350,000 signatures

SUSAN YACIW suggested we possibly consider supporting the ChildCare initiative – maybe with a food drive to “stuff” backpacks with weekend food packages for those children living in poverty – maybe closer to the Holiday season

Also consider putting together generic packages of goods for the Labour Council womens committee – food, toiletries, clothes and toys

Suggested we sponsor an upcoming BCFED event hosted at UBC – no further details recorded

Meeting ended approx 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting TBA

Minutes submitted by Chair – Michele Sibson