

PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee
MINUTES - AGM
June 23, 2018

Present: Kelly Megyesi, (CEIU) Maria Luiza Romano (AGR), Linda Woods (UNE), Ruy Romano (AGR), Robert Strang (PSAC)

Regrets: Carolyn McGillivary (CIU)

Minutes

Reviewed previous minutes January 27th, 2018. Linda Woods moved, seconded by Kelly Megyesi, all in favour

Financial

Maria-Luiza Romano balance 3014.92 as of May 31, 2018 (includes allotment for \$1500.00 and quilt revenue of \$1270.00) – **moved** by Maria-Luiza, seconded by Linda, all in favour.

Maria-Luiza **motioned** to re-imburse Linda Woods for meeting meal \$75.00. Seconded by Kelly– all in favour

Maria-Luiza **motioned** to donate \$25.00 for art supplies as requested by the Mainland Young Workers. Kelly seconded and all were in favour.

Quilt Report

The quilt was raffled at convention and was a huge success. Thank you to Maria-Luiza and her sister Cristina Yamada for their design and work on this project. Thank you also to Kelly for co-ordinating, and Terri Lee, Darrell-Lee McKenzie and Joanne Hay for promotion and sales. The quilt raised \$1270.00!!!

Maria-Luiza **moved** that the proceeds be donated to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Toronto). This is in keeping with the work the Okanagan Human Rights Committee did on Migrant Dreams and the connection to the local refugee agency. Seconded by Ruy Romano. It is also particularly relevant with border issues in the US. All in favour.

Hope in Her Eyes

The committee participated in this event. It was a very meaningful event and we learned about the street women in the Kelowna area. The artists were incredible and contributed beautiful pieces reflecting same. See PSAC BC website for full report “Her” was actually the same organization previously known as IWEN that the committee supported previously.

Guatemala

Kelly reported out on her trip to Guatemala through PSAC Social Justice. Lots of discussion on human rights, human trafficking and Canadian companies that are detrimental to Guatemalan people. She talked about the women that were killed on International Women's Day in 2017. [\(link for Guatemala pdf\)](#)

Kelly **moved** that we approve a \$300 donation for coffee and supplies. The coffee will be purchased from Café Justica (through PSAC). Kelly will contact the women's shelters in Vernon, Kelowna, and Penticton. Coffee with a letter will be distributed which will benefit the Guatemalan initiative and be of value to the women of the local shelters.

RAMA

Robert Strang brought to our attention that Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture were having an event Sunday June 24, 2018 in Vernon. Maria-Luiza, Ruy, and Kelly will attend. They will report out at next meeting. Robert may attend.

Advent Calendar

The group was in agreement that we will sponsor the calendars again this year. Maria-Luiza will take lead and determine how many calendars for the Okanagan will be required. It was suggested that we ask for help from the area council and women's in making the calendars. We will be looking at a Sat in November – possibly the morning of November 17th, 2018.

Next meeting

Conference call Sunday September 23, 2018 at 10:00am

Agenda items will include review of minutes, RAMA, advent calendars, and round table.

