

OKANGAN REGIONAL WOMENS MEETING

2018 06 23

IN attendance: Michele Sibson – UNE; Linda Woods – UNE; Darrel-Lee McKenzie – AGR; Nadia Sokol – AGR; Joy Harrison – APSAR; Robert Strang – PSAC BC Regional Office; JoanneHay ; Kelly SIDHU – PSAC BC Regional Womens Rep (By PHONE)

1. Greeting
2. Previous Minutes (sent by email to members – (m/s/c)/HARD copy was available for review
3. AGENDA amendments:
 - ADD – RED DRESS campaign (Monica Urrutia); SOARING to SUCCESS (KristinSchneider)
 - CORRECTIONS from previous minutes: Spelling of participants to HOPE in Her Eyes event in Kelowna is HANNA LEI & add PAT MONROE
4. Current financial information (provided by Maria Luisa / copy to Regional office) \$1500 allotment rcvd/deposited;
5. REPORTS:
 - a. HER International and H.O.P.E. International (per Susan Yaciw)
 - b. Kelly Sidhu reported (by phone) about her Domestic Violence Training Workshop (How can you be safe at work if you're not safe at home?) experience in Ottawa. National Reps rcvd a 1 hour version of the workshop to get Feedback and Input for changes to content and training; requirements for site support and training attendants. They will be looking at the Draft version and review as a group again before final roll out.

Kelly reminded us about the UNIONS WORK FOR WOMEN course scheduled for October 25-29 2018 In Victoria and encouraged all to apply
 - c. Robert Strang spoke about The REDress project (pins and informational material provided to attendees with extra's to distribute at work sites) This project is to bring awareness to the national issue of missing and murdered indigenous women in Canada. We were all able to complete the attached post card addressed to the PM asking him and the Government of Canada) to ultimately ensure that the Inquiry leads to Justice and healing for all affected by this ongoing tragedy. The postcards were collected by Robert who was to send them off in a package to Parliament.

PER Kelly Megyesi – Members in Enderby did support the Campaign with a walk & hung red dresses in the trees (the event was filmed as part of a documentary being made)
 - d. PSAC BC Regional office (Kristin Schneider) sent an email on behalf of the Mainland & Haida Gwaii Young Worker Committee, and their **Soaring to Success** campaign. A donation of \$25 was requested to bring art supplies to the

students at Sk'aadga Naay Elementary, located in Haida Gwaii. The objective is to promote the importance of culturally appropriate education, with the understanding that it leads to improved education outcomes. ORWC voted to donate the \$25.(m/s/c LW&DL)

e. Michele Sibson asked attendees to read the emails from Irene Lanzinger – referencing Minimum Wage and Sick Benefits; forward as appropriate please.

f. 2018 Labour Day event participation was discussed and confirmed for September 2018.

6. Closing (next meeting date – SEPT 22 2018/9:30 a.m.)