

ORWC – Meeting 2017 09 23

IN Attendance:

Michele Sibson UNE  
Linda Woods UNE  
Darrell-Lee McKenzie AGR  
Maria Luiza Romano AGR  
Susan Yaciw (retired) UTE  
Joanne Hay CPU

Regrets:

Carolyn McGillvray CIU  
Annette Hale USGE  
Nadia Buckley UTE

1. THANK YOU to Kelly Megyesi for her participation at the Kelowna Labour Day picnic sponsored by the North Okanagan Labour Council. Kelly brought her “Button Making” machine for the young attendees. A vote was taken and \$50 was granted to Kelly to cover part of her expenses for that day
2. Maria Luiza asked for volunteers and funding to purchase yarn for the knitting project for the Womens Shelter in Vernon – she and other knitters are knitting slippers and toques. Maria Luiza hopes to provide some items for the Vancouver Shoebox Project.
  - a. Motion made by Darrell-Lee to fund up to \$100 for yarn; seconded by Linda Woods and passed unanimously
3. REMINDER about the emails from Robert Strang about the MIGRANT DREAMS documentary presentation in Kelowna on October 21 2017 from 10 – 2 sponsored by the Human Rights Committee
4. AGENDA items requested for the upcoming Regional Womens Conference Call on 24 October 2017 – please email text or call Michele with any items you wish to be presented
5. REMINDER of the Walk for Reconciliation in Vancouver tomorrow (24 September 2017) – a positive movement to build better relationships among indigenous peoples and all Canadians. The act of walking & sharing our stories joins us in a commitment to create a new way forward for reconciliation. Support the spirit of “NAMAWAYUT”- We are all one.
6. REMINDER that September 30 is Orange Shirt Day nationally. It is in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children’s self esteem and well being. And as the affirmation of our commitment to ensure everyone around us matters.
7. Linda W spoke about her visit with the local MP. More work to be done and everyone is encouraged to attend with Linda at her next visit
8. Justin Trudeau was in Kelowna – see his visit on YouTube with RAMA (agricultural workers)
9. REMINDER SISTERS in SPIRIT vigils on October 4 2017 in your local community. A day when we honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Take time on or around the 4<sup>th</sup> to mark the day. Kelowna’s event hosted by the Ki Low Na Friendship society begins at 5 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October at the Friendship centre 442 Leon.
10. REMINDER – October is WOMENS HISTORY MONTH.

11. REMINDER that the Xmas Dinner for the Kelowna Womens Shelter sponsored by Jerry Sedmak with the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club will be looking for volunteers and donations. Michele will send out details when they are received.

- a. Maria Luiza made a motion to donate \$100 grocery voucher from each - ORWC and OAC; seconded by Linda W; passed unanimously

FIX PHOENIX posters were distributed to all in attendance for the workplace and for any event for visibility to keep this tragedy and catastrophe in the news.

NEXT meeting expected DEC 2017 after Womens Shelter Dinner Volunteer night.

LATE item presented: DISCUSSION about creation of terms of reference regarding the ability to submit and vote on a motion online and Regulation 7 for the National Convention (BC Bylaws)