

PSAC Okanagan Women's Committee
September 26, 2015
Curious Café, Kelowna, BC



Present:

Linda Woods	UNE 20140
Kelly Megyesi	CEIU 20915
Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003
Joan Coburn	CEIU 20915
Joy Harrison	APSAR
Grace McIver	DSL 22000
Carolyn McGillivray	CIU20045
Maria-Luiza Romano	AGR 20027
Grace Maciver	DCL 22000

Regrets

Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043
Annette Hale	USGE 20153
Michele Sibson,	UNE 20008
Roberta Drinkwater	CEIU 20972

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Joan. Balance as of August 31, 2015 is 1086.09. Allocation was received but never cashed. Kelly to follow-up with Michele upon her return. Kelly did update Kristin on financial statements, next meetings, etc.
Report m/s/c

Projects

Soup Sisters proposal. Discussion on reason we did not move forward. Although the group would like to see more committee action there was a feeling that the soup for women was expensive and other ideas might be better.

Kelly presented the Kelowna wish list for the **Kelowna Women's Shelter**. Everyone was in agreement that the want list would be attached to the minutes with a request to bring items to the next meeting on November 21, 2015. A suggestion was that we tie the donation into a December 6th activity, possibly with going to the transition center and having a pizza meal/snack.

MOTION to contribute up to \$100 for this event.

Kelly/Susan/carried

Here is the link if you would like to print it and pass out to coworkers. It is three to a page and you can cut them to distribute. All items will be collected November 21. We will start with Kelowna. If successful we can look at a different centre for next year.

<http://kelownawomensshelter.com/WishList.pdf>



Wish List

- Gift cards ie. Presidents Choice/Walmart/Staples
- Non -stick pots and pans
- Women's socks
- Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Non-perishable food items ie canned foods
- Wash clothes and bath towels
- Socks and Slippers
- Coffee, Juice boxes,
- Paper towels and Toilet Paper
- Cleaning Products
- Glad or Ziplock reusable containers
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Garbage Bags
- Double and Single Sheets and plastic mattress protectors with zippers or elastic on sides
- Pillows and pillow protectors
- New Underwear, **small** medium, large
- New bras of all sizes
- Pajamas – **small**, medium , large.
- Robes-small, medium and large
- Journals for women to record their plans and thoughts
- Movie and recreational pass
- Pay as you go phone cards
- Alarm clocks, watches, batteries, coffee, kettles
- Kitchen utensils and cutlery
- School and office supplies especially pens, white out, file folders, labels, scotch tape and post it notes, crayola markers, crayons, pencil crayons
- For Babies: formula, food, diapers, wipes, monitors
- Water Bottles
- For women: tampons, razors

Building Communities Part 2

Proposal by the PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee to have a tri-committee project. The project would build on the Building Communities session that we hosted in Vernon, BC. The outline of the project is a 1 day event to be located in Summerland or Penticton. The morning would be committee meetings and the afternoon would be a facilitated session on building community (2). The Human Rights Committee would take lead on the organization of the event. Date chosen is November 21, 2015 and everyone is asked to keep this date open for the event. The Vernon day had close to 100 participants. This event will be different and will be for members of the PSAC Okanagan committees. Hoping to invite Deborah Littman and possibly a few more members from the Vancouver Alliance.

MOTION to contribute up to \$500 for this event.

Linda/Carolyn/carried

Round Table

Kelly – continued work on violence against women through Amnesty. Hoping to attend a speaker in Vancouver in October “Jackie Hanson”. Attending local fundraiser for Vernon Transition Centre with Maria-Luiza this evening.

Grace – recommended a good article for the committee to look at on job progression and women choices.

www.economist.com/news/21668014-women-perceive-more-conflicts-men-do-between-promotion-and-other-goals-what?fsrc=email_to_a_friend

Maria-Luiza – Interested in poverty reduction and how that influences women. Sees a direct correlation.

Linda – talked about part-time status and pensions

Susan – would like to see our committee take on more actions as versus donations. Discussion about

Joy – Poor pensioners - proportionately more women. Lower wages, part-time work contributing factors. Kelly mentioned that her pension would be 1/3 of her mother's pension 30 years later. Joy said that women are in crisis as they're income is on average 10000

Other

MOTION to reimburse Maria-Luiza for the breakfast meeting \$125.

Linda/Joan/carried

Next meetings

November 21, 2015 – Summerland or Penticton

January 16, 2016 – AGM