

Okanagan Regional Womens Committee

MEETING 2016 12 21 / Attendees: Michele Sibson, Susan Yaciw, Linda Woods

Guests: Heather Held (UTE) Catya Cedolin (UTE) Kelly Megyesi (CEIU/Chair Vancouver Regional Womens Committee)

Regrets: Maria Luiza Romano; Carolyn McGillvray; Joanne Hay; Shiv Reddy

** Financial updates/records will be reported at later date by Maria Luiza

** Susan Yaciw regretfully announced that Regina Brennan had passed away. Most of us had had the pleasure to meet and/or work with her and were greatly saddened to hear of her death. A note of sympathy will be sent to her spouse and family.

** Recent bargaining updates re PA tentative agreement were discussed

All members were excited to hear (and support) the **proposed** "grandfather clause" and ongoing standards for sick leave; wage increases and signing bonus

Susan Y noted that CRA continues to wait for progress

** All in attendance participated in VOLUNTEER Service Dec 21 2016 at the annual "Christmas Dinner for the Kelowna Womens Shelter" sponsored by the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club.

We all enjoyed our service opportunity (we were the official Servers for the meal including meal clean up) – Thanks Sunrise Rotary for allowing us to participate AND for feeding us also – the food was TERRIFIC!

Special Shout Out to Glenn Woods (Linda's spouse) who came and worked alongside us all and whom represented the many men who believe in and support women's endeavours, opportunities and equality! Thanks Glenn!!

The 2 X \$100 grocery gift certificates purchased by the ORWC and the Area Council were gratefully received by the Women's Shelter who gifted them (among other donated items and gift certificates) back to the attendees by random draw. One winner in particular was overcome by emotion when her name was drawn for one of the grocery gift certificates we donated – she collected her win with thanks (while crying and shaking) – she explained this would change her Christmas for her family! We were all moved by her gratefulness and were reminded about the blessed abundance in our lives.

(PHOTO Courtesy of Susan Yaciw – Catya Cedolin missing)

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

