



PSAC Vancouver Regional Women's Committee

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 7:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> floor boardroom PSAC Vancouver Regional Office

Kelly Megyesi (Chair), Ruby Langan (Secretary), Sandy Chatha, Victoria Ye, Deanna Kimball (PSAC)

On phone: Kelly Sidhu (Treasurer and BC Women's Coordinator), Jennifer Chieh Ho

1. Review and adoption of minutes from September 14, 2016  
Sandy/Kelly S M/S
2. Financials
  - Bank Balance; \$2226.07
  - Outstanding items: REVP invoice teleconference (\$5.97), Sept 14 meal (\$20.78), Vancouver District Labour Council March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 tickets (\$270.00)  
Kelly S/Ruby M/S
3. Dress for Success (DFS)
  - Donation - Regional Women's Conference already forwarded \$204.72, to DFS.
  - Motion to send the difference to DFS make total donation (\$360.00), which is enough to fund one woman through the program. Vancouver RWC to send \$155.28, to DFS.  
Kelly S/Victoria M/S
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> Dress for Success luncheon – Committee decided that they would share the luncheon information with the members of the committee to see if there was interest in attending. DFS has offered discounted tickets (\$100 each x 2). Motion put forward for the committee to provided half the ticket cost (\$50.00) for sisters of the committee who want to attend the luncheon to a max of 2 tickets. The other \$50.00 would have to come from the sisters themselves. Kelly M/Kelly S M/S
4. Basket for Regional Women's Conference
  - Kelly M, put together the basket with donations from committee members. As well, Kelly M, purchased gift certificate for Salmon N' Bannock (\$50.00) and a dreamcatcher (\$20.00). Motion to reimburse Kelly M. for basket in the amount of \$70.21. Kelly Megyesi donated basket and painted glasses, Kelly Sidhu donated tea, Jennifer Horsley donated jam, Tracy Shudo donated homemade item – thank you to everyone.  
Kelly M/Kelly S M/S

5. Executive meeting on September 25

Motion to reimburse Kelly M \$20.00 each for the executive meeting lunch held on September 25 for a total of \$60.00. [http://psacbc.com/sites/bc/files/vrwcminutes09.2016\\_002.pdf](http://psacbc.com/sites/bc/files/vrwcminutes09.2016_002.pdf)  
Kelly M/ Kelly S M/S

6. Vancouver RWC Budget

- Executive reviewed the budget and made a few changes to make it more realistic.

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| Meetings           | \$350         |
| Donations          | \$100         |
| Events/Projects    | \$300         |
| Conference         | \$250         |
| Training/Education | <u>\$1000</u> |
| Total              | \$2000        |

7. New Business:

- Kelly gave an update of the activities the executive has done since the last meeting. A welcome letter was drafted and sent to the Components, the website has been updated. As well Kelly and Ruby attended the Vancouver Sisters in Spirit Vigil on October 4<sup>th</sup>. <https://nwac.ca/policy-areas/violence-prevention-and-safety/sisters-in-spirit/october-4th-vigils/>
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women at Holland Park.
  - Jennifer gave an update of the planning by the organizing group which is made up of people from different community and labour organizations.
  - Jennifer requested that there be a volunteer from the committee to step forward for the organizing committee. Thank you to Sandy for putting her name forward.
  - Needs: 14 roses (or 2 dozen roses), Supply of hot beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate), glove warmers.
  - Donations of clothing will also be collected for community organizations
  - Ruby will suggest a speaker for the event regarding MMIWG.
  - Motion for the committee to support the vigil financially up to the amount of \$100.00. Kelly M/Ruby M/S
- December 10<sup>th</sup> activity – International Human Rights Day
  - There is a Water Ceremony being planned on Vancouver Island for December 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kelly will provide more information closer to the date.
  - It was suggested that some of the committee sisters attend the event.
  - Motion to cover the cost for attendance (ferry cost, lunch) up to the amount of \$300.00 Kelly M/Victoria M/S
  - Kelly M, will see if the Human Rights Committee would be able to fund half the cost

- Violence Against Women and Girls
  - Jennifer mentioned the 16 days of Activism - From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.
  - <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>
  - <http://www2.unwomen.org/~media/headquarters/attachments/sections/what%20we%20do/april-2016-orange-day-theme.pdf?v=1&d=20160421T205451>
  - Jennifer and Deanna have sent requests to Andree Cote regarding follow up activities from the Women's Conference and if there is any information or items being developed for December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Ideas for building the RWC – please let Kelly M, know if you have ideas for building and growing the membership of the Vancouver RWC.
- Sister Virginia Vaillancourt stepped down as the Women's Coordinator in the BC Region and the committee congratulated Sister Kelly Sidhu for accepting to take over this role as she was the alternate.

#### 8. Requests for Funding:

All approved funding requests must be followed up with a report to the Vancouver RWC within 30 days of the event or by the next RWC meeting.

- Funding Request from a member of the committee (Inessa), for support to attend the CEIU Human Rights and Race Relations conference at the end of October.  
Motion for the committee to provide \$100.00 for this onetime event, to Inessa  
Kelly M/Ruby M/S
- Funding Request from a Young Worker heading to the CLC Convention.  
Motion to provide funding of \$100.00 to the Sister.  
Kelly M/ Ruby M/S

#### 9. Next meeting dates

- Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 pm (AGM)
- Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (International Women's Day Event)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm