

PSAC Vancouver Regional Women's



February 22, 2018 Minutes

Present: Kelly Megyesi (co-chair), Corinne Clelland (treasurer), Amrit Sihota (co-chair), Chelsea Cameron (secretary), Jennifer Horsley, Monica Urrutia (PSAC staff) Dr. Balbir Gurm (guest)

Regrets: Sky B., Linda H., Sandra W., Mavis A., Celine A., Evelyn V., Jen C.H., Kelly S., Ruby L.

1. Previous Minutes

Review of AGM Minutes and motion for approval of the minutes will take place during AGM 2019

2. Financial

Treasurer's report – by Corinne C.

- a) Signing authority for the new executive has been completed and new cheques have been received.
- b) \$694.72 balance as of December 31, 2017; Closing balance as of Jan 31, 2018, \$557.55.
- c) New allocation is expected in March/April 2018

Motion for reimbursement \$375.67 to Kelly M. for postage, meeting expenses, supplies for women's event scheduled for May 9, 2018, conference calling, purchase of cheques, binder, and items for raffles.

m/s/c (Chelsea C./Amrit S.)

3. Guest Speaker - Dr. Balbir Gurm - Network to Eliminate Violence

Presentation and discussion on Dr. Balbir Gurm's Tool Kit for Community Champions, a project focused on violence prevention through education.

Dr. Balbir Gurm's advocates for cross-collaboration between service providers to improve outcomes for those who are survivors of violence and the need to shift blame from those subjected to violence.

VRWC would like to look at the facilitator training at some point.

<http://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/NEVR/Community%20Champions%20Toolkit.pdf>

On behalf of PSAC BC Women's Kelly M. thanked Balbir and presented her with our "limited edition" waterbottle. Very grateful for the work she does. Thank you to Jennifer Chieh Ho for speaker suggestion.

4. International Women's Day Event - March 3, 2018

International Women's Day Event will take place at Queen Elizabeth Secondary school in Surrey, BC, from 12:30pm to 4pm. Other events that come to the attention of the Committee will be posted on the regional PSAC website. Monica will get a statement posted so that we can add events like VDLC and event on North Shore etc. Monica to liaise with Kelly Sidhu or other BC Women's committees to see if they would like to add events as well.

5. WAVAW

Kelly connected with WAVAW (Women Against Violence Against Women) via email and phone. This is their busiest time of year and their team was unable to spare anyone to attend our meeting. The committee will look to be involved in organizations that help women and tackle violence against women.

6. Dixon Transition Society Thank you Letter (submitted in writing, included below)

With the extra materials from the shoebox, Monica sorted through everything and gave boxes of supplies to the Dixon Transition House – thank you Monica and thank you to all those that participated/organized the Shoebox Project – It was a great success on many different levels.

letter

On behalf of the families we serve and the staff and board of Dixon Transition Society, thank you for your donation of personal items and toiletries from your Christmas drive! We are grateful for your generosity in helping us carry out our mission. Because of your support, women and children impacted by violence have a safe haven and access to the resources they need to rebuild their lives.

While there has been significant progress in raising awareness about violence against women, there is still much work left to be done to eliminate gender-based violence. This is why your support is so essential, and it enables us to continue working towards achieving our shared vision of communities free from violence.

We would like to stay in touch and let you know how your support contributes to our work so please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, visit our website and YouTube for resources, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you again for supporting Dixon Transition Society.

With regards and appreciation,

Pany Aghili Executive Director

7. Celebrating Women event - May 9, 2018

Event to be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory - Package C meal plan. Tickets will be sold for \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Tickets will be advertised for sale online and by word of mouth. Members can RSVP to the Committee's Secretary. Event 6 - 8:30pm. Committee's second annual - anyone with ideas or suggestions for the event please forward to Kelly or Amrit. Door prizes discussed. Kelly will do up the tickets and the poster. Estimated budget for event will be \$500.

(Poster attached)

8. Fall Meeting

Kelly M. suggested that for the fall meeting we do a movie night. Suggestions include **Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** and/or **Divine Order**. Kelly will screen and plans can be finalized at next meeting. (Possibly we can sell tickets as a charity fundraising event, host at PSAC BC office, popcorn, etc.).

9. Roundtable

Chelsea C. - Attended the Women's Memorial March on Feb.14, 2018 with Sister Langan.

Kelly M. – Will be travelling to Guatemala in March 2018 with PSAC Social Justice Committee

Meeting adjourned