

## **Vancouver Regional Women's Committee Meeting Minutes September 22, 2021, 6pm**

**Attendees:** Monica (PSAC Staff), Priscilla Lam (Co-chair, UTE 20050), Jennifer Horsley (UPCE 20095), Corinne Clelland (Treasurer, CEIU 20937), Nielene Chand (UTE 20007), Leila Jaakkola (CIU 20040), Lea Serron (UTE 20029), Zita Lambert (Co-chair, UTE 20007), Suzanne Dier (CEIU 20903), Reena Birk (Secretary, CIU 20040), Angie Esau (CIU 20040)

**Regrets:** Andrea Lima (GSU 20008), Monique Bakker (UHEW 20147), Kelly Hartley (UTE 20007), Karen Sutton (Women's Coordinator)

### **Welcome**

Priscilla is chairing the meeting, began with land acknowledgement.

### **Agenda**

Reviewed agenda items. m/s/c Leila/Corinne

### **Introductions**

Intros conducted for each attendee

### **Previous minutes**

Adopt minutes m/s/c Leila/Corinne

### **Treasurer Report**

\$3500.94, issued e-transfer for \$100.00, currently at \$3400.94. m/s/c Corinne/Lea

### **Committee Business**

-Reena Birk provided a detailed verbal report on the Area Council/Regional Committee Summit held in July. Reena and Priscilla attended on behalf of the Committee.

-Sister Check in Initiative – Feedback from Zita-writing was too small for some people to read. Monica – very positive feedback emails. Leila and Jen did not receive any cards, they will contact Monica to verify the address on file. Lea – include information regarding the Sister Check in, in the newsletter, Zita agrees to this. Monica advises that the co-chairs need to bring it up to other Regional Women's Committee Co-chairs to filter the information to their committees in order to go regional. Monica mentioned the Committee allocated a budget if they want to do a followup with women that received the card. Leila asked how many cards were sent out – amount is 168. Monica to check about PSAC Privacy Policy on who can access membership lists if follow-up calls will be pursued by the Committee.

-COVID 19 mentorship question – from the women's survey as women were interested in this. This was asked regionally but the data could be useful for the Sister Check-in Initiative. Lea will communicate with Karen Sutton, as Women's Coordinator about this.

Angie Essau asked question regarding sister check in – Lea clarified. Potential other sister check in to do again.

-PSAC National

## PSAC NATIONAL WOMENS CONFERENCE

- resolution for women’s conference – Lea Serron spoke to some the Committee submitted.
- as background, this conference was originally to be held in 2020. Resolutions were put forward. Leila reviewed resolution. She wondered why there were procedures for secret ballots, Monica advised it could be because it is contained in the rules of order.
- Corinne is the Committee delegate for the National Women’s Committee
- Discussed resolutions – Nielene’s feedback – the package should have been paper copy not digital.
- Zita – mentioned there was no swag – Monica suggested to provide feedback to national

### **Round table:**

Jennifer – nothing

Leila – menopause resolution 1) awareness, 2) policies

Leah and Nielene – October is women’s history month, kitchen table talks will be conducted, different topics such as: Finding your way in union; Work life balance; How to say no; General-sisterhood

Suzanne- nothing

Angie-nothing, just thank you to the FB rally participants

Corinne – nothing

Zita – nothing

Reena - nothing

Nielene – lunchtime sessions, Topic on childcare, Good to look/listen at discussion

Monica – PSAC women videos being released this week, October 4<sup>th</sup> – sisters in spirit virtual event at 11am

**Next meeting** Wednesday Nov 10 @6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.