

November 10, 2021 @ 6:02pm
Vancouver Regional Women's Committee meeting

Participants: Monica Urrutia (PSAC staff), Reena Birk (Secretary, CIU 20040), Priscilla Lam (Co-chair and chair of this meeting, UTE 20050), Zita Lambert (Co-chair, UTE 20007), Johanne Chevalier (CEIU 20944), Angie Esau (CIU 20040), Leila Jaakkola (CIU 20040), Jen Horsley (UPCE 20095), Nielene Chand (UTE 20007), Lea Serron (Communications Officer, UTE 20029)

Regrets: Corinne Clelland (Treasurer, CEIU 20937), Susanne Dier (CEIU 20903), Daniela Cairns (CEIU 20943), Susie Blyth (CEIU 20964)

Priscilla called meeting, opened with a land acknowledgement.

Call to move on minutes: Jen (m), Zita (s)– approved and adopted with no changes

Treasurer report

No money movement, no changes

Call to move Treasurer's report Lea (m), Zita (s)– approved

Committee

Updates and outcomes on sister check in initiative

Monica - PSAC Privacy Officer regarding personal addresses of members, executives have right to information. Active members of committee need to sign confidentiality agreement

Lea - don't know if best idea to call sisters for Christmas, people are busy during this time, having it appears that we're calling them during this time as this is a religious thing.

Priscilla - subcommittee for sister check in

Monica - perhaps to do this during the AGM – advise sisters of the AGM – Priscilla will let Monica know members that are interested.

Zita - are the executives part of the sub committee?

Deadline for expression of interest will be approximately 1st week of January, if anyone has any ideas, please advise.

PSAC National Women's Conference – Lea and Nielene coordinates:

4 key resolutions brought forward:

- 1) Increase women participation
- 2) Mentorship
- 3) Resiliency

- 4) Political rise of right
- 5) Sexual assault – raising questions and awareness

Focus on which of the resolutions (decided by Priscilla and Zita)

- Angie - request copy of minutes – Monica will email out BC priorities
- Johanne - CIU Women’s Committee – increase women’s participation and mentorship
- Priscilla - welcome ideas and connections, reach out to Priscilla and/or Zita should you be interested
- Lea - if we are having different involvement from other women’s committees, must be clear to make them understand how these committees are aligned. If anyone has any ideas, can send by email to the executive.

Regarding the response to Karen Sutton’s email – focus on

- 1) increase women participation
- 2) mentorship

Canadian Labour International Film Festival: Priscilla joined Mainland Human Rights committee – suggesting an event to keep in mind to promote different events that are going around to help inspire others. Maybe a video night for International Women’s Day. Leila is interested in being on a sub-committee to help organize that.

Round Table:

- Leah - December 6th – different committees are organizing different events, Vancouver HR Committee-equality puzzle where each piece gives us information. If anyone would like to write something on behalf of the Regional Women’s Committee, please contact : 604-786-8799 or leaserronunion@gmail.com, can be approximately a paragraph and can include a picture or image
- Jenn - priorities that came up in Women’s conference
- Johanne - reach out to other women’s committees to get more involvement
- Leila - great idea, increase participation, how will we measure engagement?
- Nielene - West Fraser Valley area council – December 6, in person, from 6pm-7pm in Holland park, accepting donations for women’s centre
 - Donation by RWC to West Fraser Valley area council
- Zlta - December 6-Vancouver Island Virtual Event
 - Donation should be given within your jurisdiction

November 10, 2021 - Zita made motion to donate \$300 for West Fraser Valley area council for the Dec 6 event, Jen (s)-approved, from the project expense line

No one opposed motion, motion passed

What is the focus? 1) recruitment of more members –provide info to Karen Sutton and 2) mentorship

Monica -Activism summit workshop still open if someone is interested. Also, next week BC Multiculturalism week – panel on diversity, solidarity and inclusion – if anyone is interested in attending

Next meeting date (AGM) Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1908