

**Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)
Vancouver Regional Women's Committee General Meeting (amended
minutes)**

Date: June 14th, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Venue: PSAC regional Office Vancouver Hybrid meeting and some joined virtually

In attendance:

Zita Lambert (co-chair and chair of this meeting), Monique Bakker (UHEW 20147), Priscilla Lam (Women's Coordinator), Jennifer Horsley (UPCE 20095), Reena Birk (CIU 20040), Desiree O'Hearn (UTE 20050), Lea Serron (UTE 20029), Seddra Zaigham (Secretary), Corrine Clelland (Treasurer), Nerissa Hermosura (UTE 20029), Tania Ghuman (UTE 20029), Monica Urrutia PSAC Rep, Nielene Chand Guest PSAC Rep

1. Welcome to all / Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Harassment Statement: Zita Lambert called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm and acknowledged the Land.

2. Agenda - Adoption: Zita requested adoption of the agenda - m/s/c (Monique/Seddra) Consensus - Approved.

3. Approval and posting of previous Minutes: m/s/c (Monique/Seddra) Consensus - Approved.

4. Election of Priscilla as new Women's Coordinator was announced.

5. Treasurer's report: Opening balance \$1,9731 and with interest Total \$1988.22 was the figure for the current year. Closing balance \$4,081.22. m/s/c (Corinne/Jen)

6. For the position of Co-chair Zita nominated Reena Birk and Lea seconded it. Reena was acclaimed as new co-chair for Vancouver Regional Women's Committee.

7. Chair updates: Dinner in October 2023 was discussed to agree upon a venue. Desiree and Reena volunteered to find one and for the arrangements. Lea talked about Women's drive and Sisters in Spirit initiative. Priscilla talked about sister check in initiative and how this can help the members to feel connected and be a support for each in times of need. Donations and arrangement for collecting donations was discussed and the idea to work in partnership with other committees was agreed upon. Indigenous Committee and other community welfare organisations would be contacted to increase participation and scope of Women's drive. Jen showed willingness to collect donation on 29th July barbecue. Needed items as identified by shelters included New underwear, shampoo, wipes, bodywash, pants, sunscreen, bladder control pants, socks, toothbrush, etc. Monique presented the idea of using e-mails, websites and newsletter to have enhanced participation. Brainstorming was done around the engagement of members and for bringing.

To Action:

Zita suggested any day in Mid of August as collection date and Aug 28th could be the date when at the Regional Women's office all volunteers can gather to prepare the kits. Nilene volunteered to bring donations to the RO office.

Jen will send out some requests and some emails to increase engagement.

8. Roundtable: Many thanks given for the awesome work done on the Women Helping Women

9. Adjournment @ 7:15 pm

10. Next meeting: To be decided