

Regional Women's Committee Meeting Wednesday November 22nd, 2023

In attendance:

Monica Urrutia (PSAC staff)
Zita Lambert (co-chair of RWC, chair of this call)
Reena Birk (co-chair of RWC) took minutes in lieu of Secretary
Corinne Clelland (Treasurer)
Monique Bakker (UHEW 20147)
Lauri Loveland (UNE 20088)
Susanne Dier (CEIU 20903)
Priscilla Lam (PSAC BC Women's Coordinator)
Sabrina Kerr (CIU 20040)
Kendy Michaloski (CIU 20045)
Julie Kelly (CIU 20045)
Denise Jamieson (UPCE 20095)
Laura Wildly (USJE 20054)
Kiera Duhamel (UTE 20050)
Anne Choy (UVAE 20029)

6:02pm – start of meeting

No secretary so Reena Birk will take the minutes

Zita – chair

Land acknowledgement conducted

Adoption of tentative agenda – Moved by Laurie, Seconded by Corinne, Carried

Approved minutes from June 14, 2023 meeting, names were incorrect, did not have quorum at last meeting, so only if you attended the last meeting you may be able to move and second. – Moved by Monique, Seconded by Corinne, Carried

Treasurer Report – Corinne reviewed, broke down the amount. Monique suggested to put another section in the October 11 minutes as there was not a quorum but can be included in appendix

Accept financial report? – moved by Corrine, Seconded by Lauri, Carried

Lauri – what are the kinds of things this committee uses the funds for? How do we accumulate funds?

Zita – since Covid we have not done anything...however we have been able to do donations drives, requests for money from other areas, we would eat on site at previous meetings prior to covid and use some funds for the food. Sister check in, summer sharing

What do we budget for? – Conferences, conventions, International women's day are a few items the money has been spent on.

Monique required clarification on the budget – perhaps send a copy of the financial report with invitation and attach it for next time

Reena provided update on the planning of the in person event

December 6th – vigil in support of the west fraser valley area council

Starts at 6pm – need volunteers to purchase items to go to different shelters – Lauri and Reena volunteered

Monique suggested to call the donation centres to see what is needed – Budget for this \$600 total so \$300 for Lauri and \$300 for Reena

Once purchases have been made, send receipt to Corinne for reimbursement

Vote on motion – moved by Monique, Seconded by Corinne, Carried.

New Business:

Need secretary for this committee – Julie Kelly CIU Local 20045 volunteered

Zita nominated and Monique seconded, Julie was acclaimed.

Monica explained the Terms of References amendment, moved by Lauri, Seconded by Monique

Question was risen – why do we need to change the Terms of Reference? Zita explained that currently we need 3 executive members to be at a meeting to have quorum, we would like to have that changed to 2 as last meeting we were unable to continue due to the fact there were only 2 executive members that attended.

This was carried, everyone rose their hand in favour.

Monica spoke about the Hurt By Canada Life and would like to have a photo with the background.

Priscilla spoke about ChildCare Now, November 30th is the day of action, Monica shared the website link, this link has an open letter which can be signed by the members. They would like the government to step in as there is a shortage in budget. Encourage everyone to sign. <https://childcarenow.ca/>

Questions arose if this was just for daycares? Special needs? Monique added that this letter does not indicate special needs individuals, this is biased and not inclusive. Other gaps in overall care for children who are dependent.

This one is for kids at an early age.

Zita – began the intros for all participants

Priscilla – co chair for lower mainland committee – plan for a webinar in December with Adrian Smith – virtual event. Dates may be December 5 or 19th

More information to follow,

Kitchen Table Talks for all committee members, topic will be Work Life Balance – more information to follow

Laura – East Aldergrove – doing a paint night at Clay Cottage in Abbotsford, please check out the PSAC website to register. This event is December 10th 9am or 1015am. Also collecting donations for care packages, items such as toques and gloves.

AGM Date Feb 21st at 6pm

New Members to be added to the whatsapp chat by Reena: Sabrina, Julie, Denise and Kiera

Meeting ended at 7:10pm