

Victoria Regional Women's Committee
Minutes
May 30, 2011

Virginia Vaillancourt, Cindy Little, Kay Ahmadi, Brenda Esplen, Rosemary MacKenzie.

Regrets: Jeannette Lum

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

1) Previous Minutes

Reviewed & approved February meeting minutes
m/s/c Cindy/Brenda/Carried

2) 2010 Financial Year End Report

Reviewed & discussed 2010 financial report activities of the committee.

3) Debrief on PSAC BC Triennial Convention

Members from the Committee who attended the Convention discussed things that went well. All Financial and Budget Resolutions went through, electronic voting mechanism worked very well, the meet & greet had a great turnout, the Hospitality Suite put on by the Convention Committee was well attended and enjoyed by those attending, the plenary room for Convention was great, the colors on the time clock require clarity with red and orange. Discussion about the Women's Caucus meeting being held during a portion of the plenary where the men have an extra long break or are asked to leave for a short time so that all Women including those who live in Vancouver and surrounding areas who travel to Convention each day have an opportunity to participate in the Caucus meeting. Raffle baskets raised \$2770.00 to an Unemployment Society in Terrace/Prince Rupert area. Bob Jackson was elected REVP for BC. Kelly

Megyesi elected BC Regional Women's Coordinator. Virginia was elected as the Alternate BC Regional Women's Coordinator.

4) MP Lobbying

Virginia asked if any Women on the Committee were interested in lobbying the MP's again on ChildCare, Pensions for All, Living Wage Campaign

Brenda, Giselle and Kay are interested in lobbying MP's on the topics listed above. Virginia will send email to Garry Fraser to arrange some dates with MPs for lobbying.

5) Long Gun Registry

Virginia provided update on the Conservative Governments plans to abolish the Registry. Provided information on the upcoming changes. You can obtain more info at www.guncontrol.ca Resolution submitted to Convention by the Victoria Women's Committee received concurrence and passed on Convention floor.

6) 2011 Walk4Justice

The Walk for Justice from Vancouver to Ottawa starts June 21st to September 19th There will be a Rally being held on Parliament Hill on September 19th. Giselle will be walking the 2nd week of July representing the Victoria Regional Women's Committee. Giselle will be picking up the PSAC Banner from Rosemary. Virginia made a motion to Donate \$100.00 to Pivot Legal Society, Hope in Shadows Inc." for the Walk4Justice.

m/s/c Virginia/Cindy

7) Upcoming Events

Discussed upcoming events, December 6th Candle Light Vigil. Discussed National Child's Day which is held November 20th and event ideas. Child's Day was enacted in Bill C371, otherwise known as Child Day Act, by the Parliament of Canada in 1993. It commemorates the United Nations adoption of two landmark documents concerned with the Human Rights of all Children and

Youths. On “Child Day”, we honour our children and The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of The Child on November 20th, 1959 and The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20th, 1989.

The purpose of National Child’s Day is to promote awareness about the Convention to Canadians. It is also a day to support Canadian children’s rights by voicing your concerns about Canadian Children’s rights violations to the Politicians of Canada and to educate our children about their rights and responsibilities.

Event ideas for November 20th

- Lobby MP’s - talk about childcare; invite MP’s to event
- Check to see what PSAC is doing
- Venue ideas – park,
- Raise awareness in our Local’s about Child’s rights, childcare
- Hold a kids day with educational piece around their rights and responsibilities

Request that all members of the Committee bring event dates that they are aware of to the next meeting for Committee discussion and planning. We will create a master list of event dates for the year to make planning events more streamline.

8) **Round Table**

Giselle mentioned that she attended the February 14th walk with the Victoria Transition House.

9) **Next Meeting** scheduled for June 27th at 5:30 pm

10) **Adjourned** at 6:25 pm