

**Victoria Regional Women's Committee
Minutes
September 12, 2011**

Virginia Vaillancourt, Kay Ahmadi, Brenda Esplen, Sharon Hazelwood, Jennifer, Astrid, Jeanette Lum, Rosemary MacKenzie, Kelly Megyesi via teleconference

Regrets: Cindy Little, Giselle Henry

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.

1) Previous Minutes

Reviewed & approved May 30, 2011 meeting minutes
m/s/c Kay/Jeanette/Carried

2) December 6th Planning & Volunteers

Reviewed invite letters & event poster for 2011 event. No changes, they are ready to be sent, just waiting on venue confirmation. Virginia is waiting on response. We are collecting donations to give to Women's Organizations in Victoria. These items include: New Towels; Pajamas; Socks; Small Kitchen Appliances; Journals; Slippers; Kids Toys; Kids Clothes; Toiletries; etc.

Volunteers for December 6th Event

Advertising – Jeanette

Set Up – Brenda, Kay, Astrid, Virginia

Handout Info/Buttons at Event – Kay

Research on Names – Brenda

Name Reading – Jeanette, Brenda, Kay, Rosemary, Astrid,

Sending out Invites to speakers – Virginia

Still need volunteers for:

- Set up and tear down of event
- Name Reading
- Handing out info/buttons at event

The committee discussed being individually named at the event and the Committee only wants Victoria Regional Women's Committee named, not personal names.

3) Long Gun Registry

Virginia read a News Release from the Coalition for Gun Control regarding September 13th marking the Fifth Anniversary of Anastasia De Sousa's tragic death at Montreal's Dawson College. That day, a man with a history of mental illness shot 20 students with a legal Beretta CX-4 Storm, a semi-automatic tactical weapon with characteristics of a military assault weapon. In September 2008, the Quebec government's "Anastasia Law" came into effect, strengthening gun safety in the province through enhancing the reporting of high-risk behaviors in connection with firearms. The law further banned the presence of firearms in schools and daycare centres, and on public and school transportation.

7) Upcoming Events

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.

Virginia will send invite to the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC to request a representative attend our November 14th

meeting to provide information on what their group has been working on/is working on and how our Women's committee may be able to assist.

**4) Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting October 26, 2011
5:30pm**

Agenda Items

- Review & Approve September 12, 2011 minutes
- Intro of Guest
- Report from Summer Institute for Women (Kay)
- Financials (Brenda)
- Budget for 2012
- December 6 Event Update
- November 14 National Child Care Day Update
- Elections
- 2012 Meeting Dates
- Adjournment

5) Roundtable

6) **Adjourned** at 6:39 pm