

# **Victoria Regional Women's Committee**

## **Minutes**

**January 10, 2012**

Virginia Vaillancourt, Brenda Esplen, Jeannette Lum, Kay Ahmadi ,  
Rosemary MacKenzie, Tammy Dickeson, Astrid Stoker

Teleconference : Kelly Megyesi

Meeting called to order at 5.32pm.

### **1. Introductions**

Roundtable introductions of members in attendance.

### **2. December 6 Event Update**

Virginia advised the members that the event went well. We received \$1,300 in donations - \$100 Victoria Area Council, \$100 Victoria Island Human Rights Committee, \$400 from Virginia's regional committee budget, \$200 from Victoria Labour Council, \$500 from the Regional Council Donation Committee (used to purchase taxi waivers for the Victoria Women's Transition House). Our expenditure consisted of \$394.52 for the first week and \$117.04 for the second week of advertising. This was the first year we advertised and we need to look at it again when we are planning our next event. . We also spent \$38.64 for balloons and miscellaneous items, \$50 to hire a sound technician. As \$500 was used to purchase the taxi waivers, \$800 donation was left of which \$200 was applied to the advertising and we purchased \$200 non- perishable food items and \$406.50 worth of clothing (pj's, socks, gloves, etc - some were for kids and teenagers) which were given to the Victoria Women's Transition House. The items were well received and they sent us a thank you card. The hotel toiletries went to the Sandy Merriman House as the transition house could not use them. We also received a thank you card from them to. Virginia told the members a little about Sandy Merriman House - i.e they have residents who stay there during the month but also have women who drop in during the day for hot meal, cloths etc. They serve an average of 1300 hot meals every month. Unfortunately they cannot meet the need. The average cost to feed a woman is \$70 per month. Virginia mentioned the Sandy Merriman House needs a lot of toiletries due to their residents- so she would like to put out a call to all

government travellers to collect their supplies and we will deliver them to the Sandy Merriman House and they also need finger and toe nail clippers, cloths, towels, etc as they are not usually donated, so it was suggested that may be we can use \$50 - 60 to purchase some nail clippers for them.

A motion was put forward that we spend \$100 to purchase clippers, tweezers and emery boards for Sandy Merriman House - it was carried

Virginia stated the event had a good turn out but she was hoping with the advertising we would have more people turn out. Jeannette volunteered to send out the thank-you letters on behalf of the committee.

Some of the ideas members came up for next year's event:

Kay suggested it would look more professional if we use a basket to give out the buttons and candles and it would make it easier to give out the handouts.

Tammy suggested if some one is reading names then some one else should deal with getting signatures on the petitions.

Jeannette said it was nice at the event, people put their candles by the pictures, so we could use the candles again for our next event.

Astrid suggested we use some thing else instead of the balloons are they were not environmentally friendly.

Virginia suggested we get a copy of the speakers speech before hand, to estimate the time needed for each speaker and we need to look for a new venue as the legislative is not available next year.

Kelly Megyesi congratulated the committee on their December 6<sup>th</sup> event and left a meeting at 6pm.

### **3. March 8 - International; Woman's Day**

Virginia asked the members if they had any ideas for the upcoming event - last year we had a chair message, movie and food. Some of the suggestions were: movie, women's safety, yoga at your desk, dietician and naturopath. Kay will look into getting some and forward the information to Virginia and Rosemary.

#### 4. Other

Virginia stated she had received a request from Sonia Manak for \$100 to help her pay some of her transportation cost to attend a course at the Harrison Hotspring. Sonia had indicated that she had to take leave without pay and PSAC component had helped her with her tuition fees. A vote was taken and it was decided we would give her the \$100 she requested.

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Adjourned at 7.00 P.M.