

Victoria Regional Women's Committee
Minutes
June 21, 2012

Attendance: Virginia Vaillancourt, Brenda Esplen, Jeannette Lum, Kay Ahmadi, Rosemary MacKenzie.

Guest: Lucie Draibye

Regrets: Astrid Stoker, Cindy Little

Virginia Vaillancourt called the meeting to order at 5.15 P.M.

Introductions

Round table introductions of members in attendance.

Review of May 16, 2012 Minutes

A review of the previous meeting minutes took place at this time.

Motion: Brenda Esplen made the motion to accept the previous minutes.

Carried: Unanimously.

BC Fed Women's Committee

Virginia attended the BC Federation of Labour Women's Committee meeting in Vancouver as the Alternate BC Regional Women's Coordinator. The committee is made up of women in different organizations and departments within BC and they come together to discuss women's issues and what they are going to work on.

Virginia attended June 6, 2012 meeting and they worked on strategic planning session for next year. One of the main issues is Child Care and they are looking at planning an event on legislative grounds in Victoria on Family day in 2013 and Virginia told them our committee would help out in setting up the event. A meeting will be held in September 2012 and Kelly Megyesi will attend that meeting and she will update us at a later date.

Pride Day – July 6, 2012

PSAC members will be in the parade and there is going to be a table at the festival that will display some women's, area council and human rights information. Virginia hopes members would be able to join the parade. The parade starts from where A Channel is located on Broad Street and finishes in the park next to the James Bay Community School. In the past years majority of the SWAG was given out before the parade reached the legislative.

Lobbying MP

Virginia advised the members she wants to lobby some MPs again, in regards to childcare and the recent job cuts and was looking for some volunteers to help with the lobbying. Virginia will look into setting up some appointments and will see if she can get a PSAC Rep to attend the meetings with us. Brenda Esplen, Kay Ahmadi and Jeannette Lum volunteer.

Young Workers Conference

They are still looking for members to attend, therefore we should talk to our young members and ask them to join the PSAC committee.

National Aboriginal Day

From June 21, 2012 there will be an eleven day celebration across Canada, which includes; June 24- St. Baptist Day, June 27- Multicultural Day and July 1- Canada Day.

Also June 20, 2012 was World Refugee Day.

Friendly Foot Care

The committee met Lucie who works for Veteran's Affairs and is a registered foot care nurse and owns her own company called Friendly Foot Care. Lucie is a mobile foot care nurse. Lucie did a presentation on proper foot care especially for those who have Diabetes and answered questions. Lucie also gave each member in attendance a bag, which contained foot care products, an Aboriginal poem, sweet grass etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.25 P.M.