



PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Meeting June 6, 2014 Vernon, BC

Present: Annette Hale USGE
Kelly Megyesi CEIU
Maria-Luiza Romano AGR

Regrets: Carolyn McGillivary

Agenda approved as presented

Review of minutes: May 15, 2014 minutes accepted as presented m/s/c

Actions from minutes

- i) Maria-Luiza still waiting for more information on budgets/allocations. Email sent May 30, 2014.
- ii) Carolyn sent Ouch materials to Vernon – receipt/re-imbusement still outstanding.

Financial Update: Balance as at May 31, 2014 was 634.99. Financial attached.

Project Discussion: Group had a candid discussion about future plans. There was consensus that we would try and accomplish one major and one minor project each year. 2013 was an extremely successful, busy year for the group. Review of the highlights including the quilt project, the We Are All Affected Forum, etc. For 2014 we have already participated in Unako Rising, Amnesty Have a Heart for aboriginal children and convention activities including donating a human rights basket. Maria-Luiza suggested that we should align ourselves with community as much as possible. Kelly brought forward that although there are not any scheduled Amnesty meetings over the summer there is a Stop Torture community workshop happening. Kelowna June 10 (7 pm First United Church) and Vernon June 12 (6:30 Okanagan Regional Library)

Political Action: Annette gave an overview of her PSAC session in Vancouver with Darrell-Lee. The Okanagan idea was looking at a road trip with a brown bag lunch idea. The Okanagan Human Rights committee brainstormed ideas about participating or supporting Okanagan Political Action.

Funding Request

Kelly is hoping to participate in the Summer Institute for Women and is requesting assistance towards the cost of attending. Maria-Luiza made a motion that the committee fund \$200. Annette seconded the motion. All in favour – carried.

Ouch – Kelly coordinated presenting. PSAC BC helped copy the manuals, handouts, etc. The group worked through the video and worksheets. It was agreed that the program is very much of value but having a trained facilitator will make all the difference. Ouch will be put on the agenda of the next women's committee.

Action: After reviewing the OUCH program, Political Action, Community involvement and brainstorming, the committee decided that we would pursue the idea of having a 1-day training session similar to what was done for the We Are All Affected – Building Community- Workplace Bullying session that the human rights committee took lead on. Kelly is tasked with pursuing with Deb Seaboyer (PSAC education) and then we can take our ideas to next area council meeting. (June 11 correspondence added to minutes)

Next meeting – September to be advised