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Vancouver Regional Women's Committee  
5238 Joyce St, Vancouver  
May 28, 2014

Meeting called to order at 17:35

**In Attendance:**

Sister Crystal Warner	-Co-chair - CEIU Local 20974
Sister Kelly Sidhu	-Treasurer - CEIU Local 20944
Sister Nancy Burton	-Secretary - USGE Local 20015
Sister Cheryl Oenema	-UCTE Local 20219
Sister Sargy Chima	-CEIU Local 20949
Sister Linda Harding	-GSU 20008
Sister Felicia Arghene	-UTE 20027
Sister Ferzana Samnani	-UTE 20027
Sister Lorainne Gates	-UTE 20027
Sister Betty Choi	-UTE 20027
Sister Deanna Kimball	-PSAC BC Office Staff

Via Phone

Sister Virginia Vaillancourt, Sister Jennifer Cheih Ho, Sister Jen Horsley,  
and Sister Karen Sutton

1. Previous minutes adopted as read name change Jennifer Ho Cheih to Jennifer Cheih Ho  
motion to adopt made by Sister Cheryl Oenema  
seconded by Sister Sargy Chima  
carried
2. Election of new chair for VRWC  
1st call for nomination for position of Chair  
Sister Crystal nominates Sister Ferzana Samnani  
2nd call for nomination for position of Chair  
none  
3rd call for nomination for position of Chair  
none  
Sister Ferzana accepts chair nomination  
Congratulations to Sister Ferzana

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3. Terms of Reference
  - Sister Virginia introduced herself and gave a brief history of her involvement in the womens committees
  - spoke about the PSAC guide on Terms of Referene
  - would like to have a member of each committee meet to draft Terms of Reference that could be usded across Canada
  - going to pu out an email in a couple of weeks to solicit volunteers to help with this
  - will give a 2 week turnaround for responses
4. Sister Virginia Vaillancourt spoke about:
  - PSAC is initiating a take back childcare campaign, focus will be around the importnce of childcare across the country
  - PSAC working around having group discussion around the issues of childcare and not having affordable childcare
  - there will be a second phase to the campaign it will be focused on bringing in community groups ie: fire hall, community groups, contact daycare centres and schools to have conversations with these groups about childcare
  - We as the VRWC want to bring awareness to community about childcare issues in our communities
  - PSAC members to spread the word to other members, groups, and as many people as we can both men and women
  - members need to get as many people involved as we can
5. BBQ -information sent by Sister Tracy Shudo -  
Vancouver Mainland Human Rights is having a "Meet and Greet" BBQ on July 9, 2014 - All Members Welcome -5:00 to 7:30 pm, dinner begins a t 6:00 pm. RSVP to Tracy Shudo at: tjshudo@gmail.com or phone the Vancouver Regional Office 604 430-5631, for dietary restrictions
6. Funding request from Sister Jen Horsley -
  - requesting \$500.00 now needs \$175.00 to cover fee and \$50.00 travel
  - for a one week Women in Leadership Training Program held at UBC
  - total 225.00

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motion to fund \$225.00 for Jen Horsley course by Sister Crystal Warner  
Seconded by Sister Sargy Chima

carried

7. Motion to fund complete mileage for members from outlying areas to attend VRWC meetings at the PSAC rate per km. by Sister Crystal Warner  
Seconded by **Sister**

carried

8. Round Table

Sister Linda Harding - BBQ is on PSAC Web site

Sister Betty Choi - thanks for the invite to meeting

Sister Felicia Areghoere - request to add her email address to list

Sister Crystal Warner - Facebook page added newmember, please invite friends to page, need more people, pics to support BCTF strike.

Sister Karen Sutton - congratulations to Sister Virginia on her nomination to BC Regional Womens Committee, thanks to VRWC past chair Sister Jessica Kerek for all her work as chair

Sister Jen Horsley - thanks to all

Sister Virginia Vaillancourt - VWC - events that are planned for the committee include Dec 6 anniversaary

Sister Deanna Kimball - boycott NPSW, there are information sessions on TB bargainings upcoming check PSAC web page for dates and times; currently the Sisters last day is August 8, 2014; Sister Deanna said it has been really fun and enjoyed every minute of being here.

Sister Kelly Sidhu - PSAC to have a booth at the Fusion Festival in Surrey in July

Thanks to Sister Deanna for enduring the committee and all her hard work and support it has been greatly appreciated by everyone.

Motion to adjourn by Sister Ferzana Samnani  
Seconded by Sargy Chima

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Carried

Next Meeting to be September 4, 2014 at 17:30

Meeting adjourned at

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July 24, 2014

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Ferzana Samnani  
Chair

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Date

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Nancy Burton  
Secretary

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Date