

# Northern Regional Women's Committee Meeting

FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Place: HEU 5:30PM

Present:

Val Stewart (Chair), Tracy Arrowsmith (Treasurer), Marilyn Schmaus (Secretary), Parveen Deepak, Leanna Chaisson, Kim Koch, Sharon Bull, Loni Campbell,

Guest: none

Regrets: Collette Green

Meeting called to order: 5:20PM

## TREASURERS REPORT:

05-Dec-14	CARRY FORWARD BALANCE					\$ 1,638.81
	48	\$100.00	Marilyn Schmaus	AWAC-donation	\$100.00	1538.81
	49	\$202.23	Tracy Arrowsmith	Boston Pizza-meeting Dec 5/14	\$202.23	1336.58
19-Feb-15	Balance as of Dec 31/14 and Feb 19/15					1336.58

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Chili Blanket:** *Leanna & her sister, Marilyn, Parveen & all her family and Val were present.* Thanks to all who came out. Leanna & Parveen, thanks for bringing your family. There were probably a couple hundred people there for over 2 hrs. There was a dance presentation, native drumming with singing, weird x-mas carols were sung and lots of people from various community groups gave short speeches. Each hit home. *Parveen was kind enough to read the authorized statement received from Deanna* for the event. Chili and hot drinks were available to all. The NRWC and NRC of PSAC donated a 4-6 bags stuffed with winter clothing, socks & blankets. Everything was laid out on tarps where people took what was needed. At times the tarps overflowed with donations. At other times they were almost depleted and then more donations would arrive. It was an excellent heart warming event that was represented by groups from all over the community. Women's, native, poverty, child advocate and many other groups participated to show support & protest against violence, poverty, homelessness and hunger in our communities. Throughout the year, our members have gathered supplies & delivered it to various women's and poverty centres in Prince George. This continues to be our way of helping the women, poverty stricken and children in our area who in so many cases are in need of so much.

**AWAC:** Marilyn received a cheque for \$100. With the money she purchased wish list items identified by Diane Nakumara for AWAC. Things like pads, mitts, chocolates, baby wipes, shower gel, shampoo, lotions, q-tips, hair ties, toothbrushes, & tooth paste were bought, then delivered by Colette on Friday Dec 12 by Collette Green. Collette also delivered her personally collected donations at the same time. Marilyn has submitted the receipt directly to the Treasurer.

**UDP (Union Development Program):** Sharon has stated she is very excited and is continuing to move forward on this special program.

**Receipt error last month:** The receipt issue was dealt with by Parveen. No further action is needed.

**RWC ACCOUNT:** The letter for the authority changes was provided to the Bank of Montreal on Jan 26/15. The clerk stated it will take 3 weeks to get the papers ready and will call Val & Tracy to make arrangements for the new authorized person to come in to sign. Tracy will follow up to ensure authorities are completed as required. Tracy got a copy of the Bank of Montreal statement covering Dec12/14 to Jan 9/15. Val has e-mailed it to Deanna.

**HEU Hall:** Contact to book HEU [250-564-2102](tel:250-564-2102) for Apr meeting.

**New Member:** Raman has left us. She is no longer under the PSAC umbrella.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Next 3 meetings:**

**May7or 21/15 Craft Class:** Does anyone want to want to do something like this at the end of the meeting. Making cards? If so we would have to have the next meeting at REAPS where I have my supplies.

**April 11/15:** PSAC Courses are being held April 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> in PG. We have been asked to have a RWC meeting around this training. I am still trying to get a date from Deanna as to when they arrive.

**March 7/15 International Women's Day Breakfast:** This will be held at the Coast Inn of the North, Mar7/15. We will purchase 15 tickets @ \$20 each and most of them are gone. We need to **confirm** who wants them. The NRC PSAC also purchases 15. **Women's protection & self defence** We are looking for someone to come do this. Or, Kim & I may get together to go over this and create a talk.

Note: There will be 2 more meeting from Sept-Dec/15

Parveen has received a cheque for IWD Breakfast (Labour Council) of \$300. Tracy is to receive a cheque for Donations to (door prizes etc) also for the IWD event. She will get it later when needed.

The proposed budget was provided by Tracy. We adjusted & voted on the budget. The budget request for Jan 1 to Dec 31/15 is:

### **Annual Budget Request For the period: January 1-December 31, 2015**

#### **EXPENSES**

##### **Meeting Expenses**

Regular meetings \$200

AGM \$400

##### **Donations**

Local Charities \$400 (AWAK, Phoenix, Chilli Blanket etc- new)

Conferences \$400

**Event/Project Expenses**

LC International Women's Day Breakfast \$400

2015 Subsidies \$400

2015 Conferences \$400

**Other**

Political Action \$75

Postage \$25

Copies \$75

RWC News Letter \$75

**Total Expenses \$2355**

**Bank December 31, 2014 \$1336.58**

**Total Budget Request \$1000**

No further business was brought to the floor.

*Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM*

Marilyn Schmaus, Secretary provided the minutes.

Valerie Stewart, Chair & Contact person

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