

**NRWC PSAC Meeting- Sep 22/15**  
**Recycling Environmental Action Planning Society**  
**REAPS 1950 Gorse St 5:15PM Sharp**

**Attendance:**

Val Stewart, Chair	Tracy Arrowsmith, Treasurer
Marilyn Schmaus, Secretary	
Parveen Deepak	Collette Green
Kim Koch - regrets	Fortune Peranio - regrets
Sharon Bull - regrets	Lonnie Campbell - regrets
Leanna Chaisson - regrets	

**Preamble:**

Hi everyone! I hope you all had excellent Summers. 😊  
Did anyone do anything interesting. Did anyone done anything that assisted women groups or women in this area.  
There is coffee & tea. Chicken stew is for dinner.

Called to order: **5:20PM**

Parveen mentioned the NDP fundraiser, Baliwood Night October 2 @ Dana Mandi Hall 6PM. Tickets are \$60 ea & include dinner.

Parveen talked about the NDP party, Trent Derrick and that they seem to have a majority following at this time. Some pamphlets were displayed. She talked about NDP being supportive of keeping our programs & services from being diminished or removed. The NDP party is ready to deal with Bill C51 (the Rights of all Canadians) also. She went over the Liberal party agenda & spending also.

Parveen talked about Economic Issues facing Canadians & what direction our economy should take. Also about the all forum meeting @CNC Oct 7/15 @ 7PM and that there are other forums over the next month that we might attend to ask questions regarding our future and to listen to the candidates (parties) platforms and directions to attain what the voters are looking for. The forums are to assist in voters in determining who can make the best positive changes for voters including Public Service Unions Members. In other words, to hopefully vote for a labour friendly party.

Sharen also mentioned the website for younger voters 18-24 age groups. They can go online to Apathyisboring.com.

**Financials:**

Bank balance: Dec 12/14 to Mar 22/15 \$1336. 58

Cheque #0049 \$112.37(X-mas meeting 2014) #0050 \$300.00 (IWD tickets) & #0051 \$100.00 (IWD door prize donation)

Bank balance: Mar 26/15 to Jul 12/15 \$824.21

We received our 2015 budgeted funds of \$1000.00 as approved by the Vancouver Regional PSAC Office which were deposited Jul 13/2015.

Bank balance: Jul 14/15 \$1824.21 and remains the same today Sep 22/15 (no cheques were written during this period).

Tracy has not heard from the bank regarding the updating of the signatories per our letter & duly signed request provided in Jan/15. Tracy stated she will follow up.

Bank statements Jan-Aug have been e-mailed to Van office. Val will send the rest of the year's statements by e-mail once she receives them and scan gets them scanned.

### **Old Business:**

Feb meeting minutes Val will go over and prepare as soon as she can.

Who can do a presentation of The International Women's Day Breakfast event. Write up & pictures. No volunteer received prior to meeting. Val will try to get this done as soon as she can.

### **New business:**

We must have 4 meetings\* before the end of Dec or our Woman's committee will be cancelled & we will not be able to help women's groups in the Prince George and surrounding area anymore. The set dates will go into the Vancouver PSAC office and national web page to be added to the events listing. This is so more members can view the dates, make arrangements to come to the meeting and even join our group.

### **Meeting dates set & confirmed today:**

Oct 1/15\* Joint with AC PSAC Meeting & Vancouver visitor Deanna also here to present weekend courses.

Oct 28/15\* AGM: Calling all PSAC Sisters

Dec 4/15\* Meeting & Christmas WC Celebration, Virginia Vaillancourt will be skyping in to join our meeting.

### **We need to confirm our dates at the AGM for Meetings in the New Year.**

**So far it was agreed the best night is Wed after work.** We will be doing something interesting for each meeting & cancelling things that are booked is difficult & may become costly due to space rental.

### **No meetings are held Jul thru Aug**

### **We voted to allocate funds as follows:**

AWAK (An Association Advocating For Women and Children): to purchase supplies up to \$200 & deliver the AWAK Centre on Quebec St.

Chilli Blanket: to purchase up to \$100 for blankets and deliver them at the event held Dec 5/15 at 12-2PM on the PG Courthouse steps.

Phoenix Transition House (for women & children): to purchase supplies up to \$100 and deliver to the House.

To make white ribbon loops with pink hearts as remembrance to give out at the various component offices Dec 1st-4th for the Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> memorial. Also Val will give ribbons out at the Chili blanket event. This is a remembrance to stop violence against women. We all agreed it was a good plan. The cost will be about \$30.00.

Val is to get small signs ready for to give to Union Members under the PSAC umbrella. IE: Get out and Vote, Are your registered to vote, Vote etc. They will have the PSAC logo on

them. Also signs without PSAC logos may be used to give to general public. We agreed it was a good idea. Cost will be for printing.

We discussed having something wear to identify our group for use during events we will have and others we participate in. We will take pictures to show who we are and what we are doing. The T-shirt idea was accepted. Val will contact PSAC to get T's with PSAC & Women's Committee on each. The poster picture of Betty was requested by the members. She will see if we can have Northern Regional or NR Women's Committee silk screened. Parveen suggested contacting Patrick in with Vancouver. Tentative allotted funds are \$200.

### **Training Mentioned:**

PSAC MEMBER-TO-MEMBER ELECTION CANVASS - VANCOUVER

Oct 3/15 (All day) • Political Action, Election Canvass: Do you want to make a difference in the upcoming Federal Election? Work on a member-to-member canvass during federal election period. Speak to fellow union members in person about the importance of voting for candidates who support public services & workers rights. RSVP, contact Patrick Bragg Vancouver RO. Parveen has asked for this training in PG Oct 3/15 (instead of the Grievance training). Timing to make an impact, to get more people out to vote is now. She is waiting for Vancouver office reply.

Political Action, Human Rights, Women's Issues Oct 4/15 (All day), North BC. No one said they were able to attend this.

### **Events:**

Sisters In Spirit Vigils - Oct 4 \* a movement for social change. October 4th is a day where we honour the lives of missing & murdered Aboriginal women and girls. The violence experienced by Aboriginal women and girls in Canada is a national tragedy. We must take the time to give thanks to the families who are the reason we all continue to demand action. A vigil can take many forms (a moment of silence, a rally, a community feast). All that is important is that you take some time on or around October 4th to mark the day. A Joint Statement by Supporters from across the country (invited to publically) add their organization's name to the document, give strength to this cause. When finalized it is read at vigils nationwide. Oct 4/15 **Prince George** -College of New Caledonia Students Union - TE Lounge - Candlelight vigil & moment of silence @ 7pm **Check this link out:**  
<http://www.cfuw.org/Portals/0/ClubsAndCouncils/Club%20Information/Program%20Ideas%202015-2016.pdf>

Please bring information of Events (Date, Time, Place, Contact, Overview, etc) that we may or should be involved with.

Is there an event we can do on our own that you would think we could do? Remember: If you are not able to come you can still submit your ideas to be presented at the meetings.

**The AGM** coming: Please put your name forward for the following positions at the Oct 28/15 meeting or by emailing [gene54stewart@gmail.com](mailto:gene54stewart@gmail.com) in advance:

### Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

The current Chair, Treasurer and Secretary each stated they will let their names stand for the election at the AGM only if no other persons run for the respective positions.

Remember your support is vital to the community and NRW PSAC's continued support from Vancouver.

### Meeting Ended: 6:55PM

**Note:** we were not able to do any crafts after the meeting which ran late. Please bring suggestions for craft or other workshops. The more the merrier. The participation time is up to you we can stay as late as you like

This is the fun stuff! 😊

Marilyn Schmaus, Secretary provided the minutes.

Valerie Stewart, Chair  
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