

Okanagan Regional Women's Committee Meeting

September 2nd, 2019

Kelowna

In Attendance: Maria-Luiza Romano (AGR 20027); Kelly Megyesi (CEIU 20972); Linda Woods (UNE 20140); Lorelei Sterling (UVAE 20035); Nadia Sokal (AGR 20043) Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC BC Rep, Vancouver); by phone: Carolyn McGilivray (CIU 20045). Regrets: Karen Sutton (CIU), Darrell-Lee McKenzie (AGR), Jeanne Olineck (CEIU)

Chaired by KM and LW

Call to Order at 3:47 PM

Adoption of Agenda - adopted

Approval of previous minutes:

- *Motion by MLR: To move the minutes from May 11, 2019.*
Seconded: LS
Carried

Treasurer's Report

- Presented by KM. Balance as of May 1st was \$5058.75, closing balance August 31 is \$4500.27.
- We have budgeted \$2600 and have spent \$900 thus far.
- We were shorted on our Regional annual contribution due to unused funds.
 - *Motion by KM to move the Treasurer's report*
 - Seconded by LS
 - Carried

Days for Girls

- Information on this group was provided in previous meetings by MLR.
- The group has specific requirements for supplies, they purchase locally and our monetary contribution goes farther than contributing supplies directly to them.
- **Action item: MLR to contact JO to discuss the Kamloops chapter and whether a donation to the Kamloops chapter is supported.**
- We have previously donated \$150 in this fiscal year.
 - *Motion by MLR to donate a second instalment of \$150 to the Vernon chapter and the Kamloops chapter, pending discussion with JO.*
 - Seconded by LS
 - Carried

Sisters In Spirit - October 4th

- KM spoke about Sisters in Spirit and encouraged everyone to look into events in their areas that honour MMIW.
- **Action Item: LS to find a contact in the Penticton area, and to contact the 2nd VP of Native Women's Association of Canada for information on events.**
 - *Motion by KM to contribute \$100 to Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops for an event or organization that supports this initiative. Email KM your suggestions.*
 - Seconded LS
 - Carried

Swag for ORWC

- LS brought up spending some extra funds on high quality water bottles with Okanagan RWC and the PSAC Women's logo.
- Would be used for gift baskets, raffles, awards, new members attending a certain number of meetings.
- CM discussed trying to avoid outsourcing and to try to buy from unionized companies.

- **Action Item: KM to price out 2-3 dozen from MOHR, a union distributor.**

SOWINS donation

- NS showed the group the card from SOWINS for the \$200 contribution to SOWINS Walk to End Abuse (Penticton).
 - *Motion to donate was made by NS, seconded by KS, and carried via email in June, copies of emails can be provided upon request.*

Indigenous Artists donating to the REDress campaign

- KM relayed information from KS.
- Asked members to keep eyes open for local artists involved in this initiative and suggest items to be purchased for raffle prizes or donations to Regional Conference.

Activities for 2020 with Local Immigration Societies

- ML suggested that everyone make contact in their area with the Immigration Societies and ask what our members can help with in the upcoming year and to report back at the next meeting.
- **Action Item: ML to look into Vernon, NS to look into Penticton and LW to look into Kelowna, others not present are encouraged to look into their areas (Kamloops, Oliver, Osoyoos).**

Discussion of our geographic region

- KM suggested we discuss the understanding of our geographic area at the next meeting when all executive are present, to be tabled until next meeting.

Gas reimbursement

This item was discussed in detail at the OAC meeting and it was decided to apply the discussion & motion to RWC as well

- Discussion of how our geographic area is not conducive to meeting at a central place convenient for all members.
- Discussed details about how a gas reimbursement would work with our three regional groups.
 - We encourage everyone to car pool when possible.
 - We will try to have one meeting over conference call or other meeting app (Whatsapp, Skype) per year.
 - We hope this will encourage people to attend meetings.
 - If multiple meetings or related events occur on the same day, only one reimbursement would be applicable.
 - Discussion about whether we have to follow PSAC travel directive, RS advised that this is not the case, our rates proposed below are less costly than PSAC travel rates.
- **Motion by KM to reimburse attendees as follows:**
 - *If you drive a vehicle to attend meetings between:*
 - *Oliver and Penticton you may receive \$25 for the complete return trip*
 - *Penticton and Kelowna you may receive \$25 for the complete return trip*
 - *Kelowna and Vernon you may receive \$25 for the complete return trip*
 - *Vernon and Kamloops you may receive \$25 for the complete return trip*
 - *If you make multiple legs of this journey, reimbursement is additive (eg/ travel from Vernon to Penticton would be \$50 reimbursement)*
 - *This motion is effective as of today*
 - Seconded by CM
 - Carried

Conference call discussion

- PSAC conference call number is relatively expensive considering there are free apps and less costly alternatives.
- MLR looked into WhatsApp and had it working with 4 participants.
- The person who starts the call has to add people.
- **Action Time: test WhatsApp for our next meeting.**

Sending an additional member to the Regional Committee Summit

- As per discussion over email, the group thinks it beneficial to send NS to the Regional Committee Summit in addition to ML, KM, KS and LW.

- NS was asked to put together a list of expenses for her to attend the summit. Since she is already attending the Regional Women's conference, no transportation expenses would be incurred. See Appendix for breakdown.
- NS proposed \$306.97 reimbursement in gross wages which would be paid by BC PSAC, and then reimbursed by RWC
- NS proposed \$325.90 in hotel costs, meals and incidentals to cover Sunday dinner to Monday lunch
 - *Motion by KM to cover expenses for NS of \$632.87 for her to attend the Regional Committee Summit on September 16th, 2019.*
 - Seconded by LS
 - Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

**Those attending the Regional Committee Summit will
meet at 7 AM for a breakfast meeting at the Hilton
Metrotown On September 16th**

**Next Meeting
November 30th, 2019, 10 AM
VIA WhatsApp (MLR to arrange), or Vesta conference
call (KM to provide dial in info)**

Appendix - Costs for NS to attend Regional Committee Summit

****TO BE ADDED****