

## Okanagan Regional Women's Committee

April 25, 2014

Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver

**Present:** Darrell- Lee McKenzie, Susan Yaciw, Annette Hale, Maria-Luiza Romano, Kelly Megyesi, Michelle Sibson, Linda Woods, Roberta Drinkwater, Nicole Jefferies.

**Guests:** Bob Jackson, Jayne Johns, Jamey Mills, Pete Charlie, Pamela Abbott.

**Chair:** Roberta Drinkwater

**REVP election:** Candidates running for REVP (Regional Executive Vice President) and A/REVP (Alternate) were invited by the Area Council to speak at our meeting. All candidates were asked the same two questions by the chair. Extra time was available so there was also an opportunity for activists to ask questions relating to women's issues and how they would support the Okanagan Women.

**Membership review:** Discussion went further into strategies on membership development. Okanagan Human Rights has started work on formulating a joint fall event that will tie in the goal of increasing membership to all 3 Okanagan committees.

**Previous Minutes:** Upon review, it was noticed that the following Motion was missing:

*MOTION* to cover the registration fee for the Okanagan Regional Women's Delegate to the BC Regional Convention. Roberta/Darrell-Lee/carried

It was agreed that the Feb minutes will be corrected to include this motion

**Treasurers Report:** To follow. Convention registration fee (\$200) for Michele Sibson paid by Ok Human Rights Committee. ORWC will reimburse the Ok Human Rights Committee.

**Unako event:** Linda Woods reminded the council of the upcoming fundraiser on May 15, 2014 – Unako Rising evening "in Nepal". See early emails - A fundraising and awareness evening on the Dang Region in Nepal. Unako is undertaking building a facility that will provide under-privileged Tharu Woman and Young girls opportunities for education, vocational support, literacy and so on. ORWC is in support of attending event. Kelly, Annette, Maria-Luiza indicated that they will be attending and Linda will pick up the tickets. If anyone else is interested please contact Linda.

**Visibility and planning:** Several ideas were discussed. Agreement was that we would look into some local advertising , possible group event – such as a picnic and that we would tie in with the other committees Human Rights and Area Council to organize a collective event.

**Day of Action:** Standing Together – May 1, 2014. Susan / Parkinson Walkway Kelowna noon. Annette / Sails downtown Kelowna 12:15pm. Annette to provide information to Roberta to pass on to Kelowna CEIU to join USGE at Sails.

**Election of ORWC Chair:** Roberta stepped down as Chair of Okanagan Regional Women's Committee. ☹️ Susan nominated Michele Sibson as new Chair. Unanimously seconded. No further nominations. All in favour. Joyously elected 😊. Welcome Michele.

**Next meeting June 20, 2014.** Location 650 Gibson Rd Kelowna (Linda Woods). Linda will arrange catering for the event. Council felt that a quieter venue would make discussion easier.

Meeting adjourned.

#### Treasurers Report

January 1, 2014 opening balance \$1781.04

Less: Feb 11 cheque 167 Kelly Megyesi (Ed Broadbent conference) (\$100.00)

Feb 12 cheque 168 Roberta Gourlie (Drinkwater) reimbursement (\$19.95)

April 25, 2014 closing balance \$1661.09