

MINUTES – Okanagan Regional Womens Committee

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Saturday Feb 11 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Yaciw UTE
Nadia Buckley UTE
Darrel-Lee McKenzie Agriculture Union
Linda Woods UNE
Michele Sibson UNE
Joanne Hay UPC
Joy Harrison APSCAR
Robert Strang PSACBC (Vancouver)

REGRETS:

Shiv Reddy PIPSC
Annette Hale RCMP
Joan Coburn CEIU
Carolyn McGillivray CBSA
Wes Todd
Jean Olinyk
Maria Luiza Romano CFIA

RECAP of the ORWC volunteer service at the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Dinner for the Kelowna Women's Shelter - Susan Yaciw, Linda Woods (with spouse Glenn), Michele Sibson, Kelly Megysi, Heather Held and Catya Cedolin participated. A good time was had by all and an intention to participate in 2017 Xmas event was expressed. More volunteers are encouraged. (photos of the ORWC participants were shared with their permission)

MEMBERS advised of the change in the BC Chair of BCRegional Womens Committee – NOW is Kelly Sidhu (Vancouver CEIU)/has taken over from Virginia Vaillancourt who is on assignment in Ottawa)

REMINDER from the Feminist Alliance for International Action / Canadian Womens Foundation & the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, about the WEBINAR on 23 Feb 2017 @ 1p.m. EST (How Canada is failing to Protect Indigenous Women & Girls socioeconomic rights & their freedom to live free from sexist and racist violence). Anyone that wishes to view the webinar but are unable to do so at the time posted have been advised that a recording will be shared

REMINDER OF INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY March 8 2017 (There will be an event sponsored by the Elizabeth Fry Society from 5 – 7:30 on the 8th March)

REMINDER about the CHILDCARE Lobby (SEE the PSAC article January 16 2017)

IF YOU ARE in Vancouver Feb 14 2017 and available – there will the Annual Women's Memorial March - was started in 1997 in response to the murder of a Coast Salish woman on Powell St in Vancouver

Michele Sibson was elected as the Womens Committee Delegate for the PSABC Triennial convention in June 2017; Linda Woods is the first alternate & Nadia Buckley is the second alternate (moved by Darrel-Lee McKenzie/seconded by Linda Woods)

Joanne Hay will also be attending the convention, sponsored by Vancouver Area Council

MOTION made to provide a 2nd Okanagan Theme Basket (\$150 value) for the Convention in June 2017 – moved by Darrel Lee McKenzie/ seconded by Linda Woods)

RECOMMENDATION was made to view the movie HIDDEN FIGURES as it cleverly and entertainingly addresses Womens Issues, Diversity and Racism

ELECTIONS:

Co Chair ORWC – Michele Sibson (msibson@shaw.ca) by acclamation

Linda Woods (lmw51@shaw.ca) by acclamation

Treasurer Maria-Luiza Romano (luluza@me.com) by acclamation

Secretary Joanne Hay (joandwes@shaw.ca) by acclamation

NEXT MEETING – APRIL 29 2017 9:30 a.m

Location TBA