

# PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee

## Minutes

February 27, 2020

**Present:** Kelly Megyesi (CEIU), Linda Woods (UNE), Karen Sutton (CIU) Maria-Luiza Romano (AGR), Justin Lee (AGR), Ruy Romano (AGR). Guest: Glen Woods, Rachael Romano. Regrets: Nadia Sokal (AGR), Lorelie Sterling (VAC) Jeanne Olineck (CEIU)

**Welcome:**

Hello and welcome to our Human Rights AGM. Welcoming a new member Justin from Agriculture

**Minutes:**

Previous minutes and January 18, 2020 minutes reviewed and accepted.  
m/LW, s/KM – all in favour

**Financial:**

Opening balance January 01, 2020 \$865.03. Three cheques issued – 150.00 delegate fee, 90.28 Jan meeting meal, \$11.02 Staples printing. Closing balance as of February 27, 2020 613.73  
Monies are needed to continue operating. m/KM, s/ML all in favour

Discussion about money – fundraising.

**Convention:**

Discussion – will be part of the convention raffle basket. We will be meeting at convention – breakfast meeting. Whatsapp group would be helpful for convention. Would like to discuss resolutions.

**2020 Planning:**

Karen advised October 30 – November in Montreal will be the equity conference.  
In addition to everything already planned we will continue with our Rubicks project

**Meeting dates:**

Saturday April 18 at 9am  
Friday May 1, 2020 breakfast meeting  
November 7, 2020

**Kairos:** Kelly gave an overview. Posters are out and we are moving forward on our Building Communities V – April 18th, 2020 in Kelowna. So very proud of the work this committee has done over the years and it is exciting to bring this fifth event in our series to fruition. Regional will not be sending a rep and will not be supporting this initiative financially. Currently Robert is away and we are in the middle of strike vote preparation and convention preparation. Locals may wish to buy a

table. We can reach out to our normal attendees – can contact RAMA, North Okanagan council as well. We are hoping to have a minimum of 35 and our maximum will be 50.

**Round Table:**

- Karen mentioned selection –with National Women’s. Over 899 applications and only 189 delegate seats. Kelly expressed concern on the low number of seats. In the past there used to be about 300-350 women at the conference. We will need to bring this forward to PSAC BC to try and get more information. The group expressed concern about the

**Justin** – Interested in joining our group. Has recently been elected to Human Rights work within his local.

**Maria - Luiza** – Terri lee is interested in our rubicks cube project. We are donating a cube and instructions to her. She may bring the project back to the Vancouver Human Rights to address. will give as a potential human rights projects. Tried to buy more – but we couldn’t find it. We will look at a group project.

**Kelly** – Requested support for attending the Canadian Labour Congress May 2020 in Vancouver. Following discussion - \$100.00 LW/m ML/s all in favour. Kelly also talked about standing in solidarity with the Wet’suwet’en. Unanimous agreement that we would make a statement online showing ou solidary as well as \$100 donation. ML/m KS/s all in favour.

**Karen** – talked about Wet’suwet’en raises awareness of the issues they have had to endure and hopefully will bring a better understanding of their issues. Electronically we are able to educate. Thank you for taking suggesting this.

**Motion:**

Motion to reimburse \$89.36 to Maria-Luiza for meeting meal. m/KM s/LW – all in favour.

**Next meeting:**

Saturday April 18, 2020  
9am  
Coast Capri Kelowna

