

# PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee

## MINUTES - AGM

### September 23, 2018

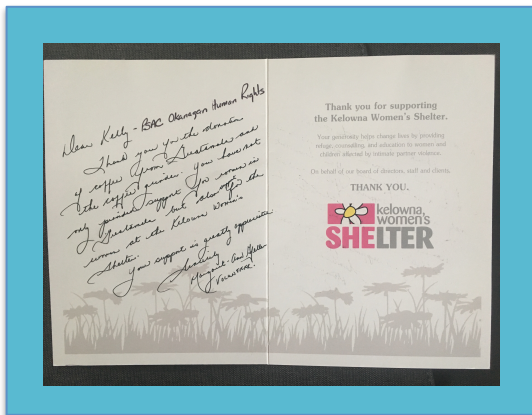
**Present:** Kelly Megyesi, (CEIU) Maria Luiza Romano (AGR), Linda Woods (UNE), Robert Strang (PSAC) **Regrets:** Carolyn McGillivray (CIU)

### Minutes

Reviewed previous minutes June 23, 2018. Minor change - \$300 motion for coffee seconded by Maria-Luiza, all in favour. Linda Woods moved, the minutes be accepted as adjusted seconded by Kelly Megyesi, all in favour

### Thank you's

Two lovely notes were received for the coffee donation and the donation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.



### Financial

Maria-Luiza Romano balance as of August 31, 2018 was 1538.68. Cheques outstanding at that time were \$25 for youth initiative, \$273.00 Social Justice Fund, coffee, and \$50.39 for coffee grinders. We are in good shape financially. We have room in the budget for another donation, and for our upcoming project (advent). Kelly moved the financial report, Linda seconded, and all were in favour

The committee will be participating in the Christmas dinner that PSAC Okanagan committees support in Kelowna (tentatively Dec 12). Kelly moved that we donate a gift basket of 4 bags of Guatemala coffee and a grinder up to \$75.00. Maria-Luiza seconded the motion and all were in favour.

### RAMA

Thank you Robert for bringing to our attention the RAMA event in Vernon. Maria-Luiza, Ruy, and Kelly all participated. Kelly enjoyed playing soccer with the group and Maria-Luiza and Ruy used their Portuguese to bridge the language barrier. Accommodation is a big issue for this group and the committee felt that we should be getting political to ensure that they are not in poor facilities, etc. It was felt we should be proactive. Robert suggested that we touch back with the North Okanagan Labour Council as well. Work on this initiative will be carried into 2019.

### **Advent Calendar**

Discussed this project. We have earmarked up to \$500 (re 2018 budget). The committee will make three calendars for distribution to the Immigrant Society Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton. Robert will forward contact info for Penticton and Kelowna as Maria-Luiza has Vernon information. Decision to have 10 items per day – possible bags with December dates. To be filled with candy, chocolates, and small novelty items (childcare crayons) etc.

### **Membership**

The committee brainstormed ideas for increasing membership. Linda will contact a member that lives closest to her to see if we can encourage her to participate. Robert will try and get interest going on his upcoming Okanagan training and also on his office stops with regional rep.

### **Labour Day**

The Okanagan Human Rights participated in the Kelowna labour day event. Kelly brought her buttons and it was a big hit. The buttons drew the children in which gave us an opportunity to talk with the parents. Over 6 pages of signatures were taken for our Phoenix petition. Robert gathered us contacts like Amnesty and labour council which will help us with future events or shared projects.

### **Round Table**

**Robert** talked about **#HereForCanada** campaign kicking off CBC/ CTV. Robert will forward us and links for online campaign.

**Kelly** talked about Phoenix issues

**Maria-Luiza, Linda**, and Robert heading to Ottawa, in near future, for unión work

### **Next meeting**

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Vernon, BC. 3:00 pm start time followed by making the advent calendars and meeting dinner. Agenda items will include review of minutes, financial update, advent calendars, 2019 planning, and round table.

AGM will be Saturday January 26, 2019 at lunch.

