

# PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee

## Minutes March 28th, 2019

**Present:** Kelly Megyesi, (CEIU) Linda Woods, (UNE), Maria Luiza Romano (AGR), Ruy Romano (CFIA)

**Guests:** Rachel Romano, Angela Sartor

**Regrets:** Jeanne Olineck Kamloops (CEIU) Robert Strang, (PSAC).

### **Previous Minutes**

Last minutes January 19th, 2019 reviewed. m/s/c (Maria-Luiza, Linda)

### **Financial**

Kelly reported that there has no financial movement recently and closing balance as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is \$708.11. **m/s/c** (Kelly, Linda)

Reimbursement for upcoming project expense to Kelly in the amount of \$47.31  
**m/s/c** (Linda/Maria-Luiza)

Reimbursement for meeting meal to Maria-Luiza in the amount of \$85.00  
**m/s/c** (Kelly/ Linda)

### **Meeting**

Originally the HR meeting was going to be on March 29 and was to be a working meeting. Preparing the project was postponed to the fall and the meeting was moved to March 28 to coordinate with bank appointments for committees.

### **Projects/Events**

- Reviewed 2019 projects.
- Advent Project – rescheduled to the fall
- Blanket exercise – possibly later August or fall
- Labour Day – committee to participate/ we will be assisting with pins & tangrams. We will give some thought to questions on Human Rights targeted at children.
- BC Poverty Reduction – still hoping to affiliate with their Okanagan group
- Still interested in a quilt project / possibly immigrant children.
- Days for Girls

## **Human Rights Discussions**

The group spent time discussing many different human rights topics. Members of the committee shared some of their involvement over the last few months including:

**Willie Parker – keynote speaker for IWD reproductive justice**

[www.westcoastleaf.org/eventsingle/2019-equality-breakfast](http://www.westcoastleaf.org/eventsingle/2019-equality-breakfast)

**Human Rights violations and dictatorships**

[www.theguardian.com/world/2019/mar/27/brazil-bolsonaro-military-coup-1964](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/mar/27/brazil-bolsonaro-military-coup-1964)

[www.amnesty.ca/blog/brazil-join-anielle-franco-demanding-justice-her-sister-marielle](http://www.amnesty.ca/blog/brazil-join-anielle-franco-demanding-justice-her-sister-marielle)

[www.psac-sjf.org](http://www.psac-sjf.org)

**Days for Girls**

Sewing reusable sanitary pads for girls. The organization distributes kits (the pads, plastic bags for them to carry the soiled ones back home to be washed, and a bar of soap) for deserving girls in the global south. The organization accepts donations to buy fabrics. [www.daysforgirls.org/canada](http://www.daysforgirls.org/canada)  
Motion to donate \$100 to the Vernon group **m/s/c** (Maria-Luiza/Linda)

**Films**

**Bel Cante– exploring political issues**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBIQ0KFGn8M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBIQ0KFGn8M)

**Alive Inside Documentary**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=laB5Egej0TQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laB5Egej0TQ)

**Theatre**

**Prisoner of Tehran – theatre interpretive dance**

[www.ticket seller.ca/tickets/event/prisoner-of-tehran](http://www.ticket seller.ca/tickets/event/prisoner-of-tehran)

**Books**

**Canada Reads**

[www.cbc.ca/books/canadareads/the-winner-of-canada-reads-2019-is-1.5075](http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadareads/the-winner-of-canada-reads-2019-is-1.5075)

**The Giving Tree – by Shel Silverstein**

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Giving\\_Tree](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Giving_Tree)

Angela's PhD work is in gender division of work and Rachel's degree is in international development. Such great conversations – thank you for joining us! We talked about such a range of issues like; gender identification, the progress within government, pronouns, raising of children & grandchildren, children's toys, books, music, political action, protests, pink and blue, and on and on.

**Next meeting**

Dinner meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Penticton

