

PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee

June 16 Minutes

Kelly Megyesi, , Linda Woods, Darrell Lee, Michele Sibson, Melanie, Susan Yaciw, Guest Jamey Mills, Colleen Girard, Paul Croes

Financial

Current Balance as of June 15, 2017 is \$2222.19 – msc

Motion to reimburse Kelly M for breakfast costs of \$123.36 - msc

Mental Health

Courses offered through OICM (office of informal conflict) are being held. The courses are for team leaders and managers. There is a want to start having union leadership access the course and it appears that it would be great for activist. Kelly will pursue.

Quilt

Very successful project. Recipients from proceeds were Indspire \$650 and BC Poverty Reduction \$650. Thank you to Maria-Luiza for donating the beautiful quilts.

Shoe Box Project

The Okanagan members continued to knit hats and donate to the Vancouver Women's Shoebox Project. It feels really good to do joint projects especially on human rights issues. (Thank you Maria-Luiza, Susan, Linda)

Convention

Maria-Luiza and Kelly met at the Pink Spotted Goat and put together a basket filled with Okanagan things for convention. The store uses local vendors and has a zero waste policy.

Candidates for REVP were given an opportunity to speak at the meeting. Questions posed included human rights, equity, and our Okanagan regional perspective. Their time was very much appreciated and we wish all the candidates luck.

Fall Project

Oct 21, 2017 meeting and fall event Kelowna Capri – Building Communities IV. Kelly has booked the venue. Group felt that the same format with a lunch would work well. Possible continue with our migrant theme, have a film screening, invite a panel for discussion, and a lunch. Possibly invite Jennifer Chieh Ho or other panelist from the K Docs. Discussed with women's and area council. It was agreed in principle that we would share costs between the three committee/council. Area council and women's agreed to supporting (to a maximum of \$350 depending on their budgets). It is hoped that all members will be able to sell tickets so that we have a good turnout. If anyone has suggestions for the event please contact Kelly or Maria-Luiza.

Our committee donated to the documentary Migrant Dreams (we are even in the credits !!!). Committee will contact the director for possible screening. Director is Min Sook Lee. Take a peek at a clip online.

Next meeting

October 21, 2017 Capri event