



PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Meeting September 2, 2019 Kelowna, BC

Present: Kelly Megyesi CEIU 20972 Maria-Luiza Romano AGR 20027
Linda Woods UNE 20140 Nadia Sokal AGR 20043
Lorelei Sterling UVAE 20035 Robert Strang (PSAC)

Regrets: Karen Sutton CIU 20045

Agenda approved as presented.

Review of previous minutes: All in order. m/Maria-Luiza s/Lorelei – all in favour

Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of August 31st, 2019, 1276.75. Minimal activity. m/Kelly s/Maria-Luiza – all in favour

Kelly suggested that we look at reimbursing for gas costs when travelling for PSAC meetings/events. The group was in agreement with this suggestion. To be discussed at Women's and Area council so the policy is consistent.”

Project Discussion:

Fall project renamed to **PSAC for the kids**. Materials have been purchased to give Transition houses for the kids for Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton. Maria-Luiza to pick up candy / after Halloween. Packages to be put together November 2, 2019 – hosted by Maria-Luiza 4 pm

Blanket Exercise – Nadia reported out on the blanket exercise that 4 members participated in Kelowna this spring. It was felt that everyone learned from it and that it should be something that the committee work on having available to interested membership.

Days for Girls – This continues to be something that our human rights committee fully supports. There are a number of material restrictions on the product and it was felt that donating the money and having the organization purchase the supplies was the best way to go. Motion to donate a second amount of \$150.00 m/Maria-Luiza s/Lorelei – all in favour

RAMA – Take the Pledge

Racism and anti-immigrant xenophobia is growing across Canada. Hate crimes have increased, and no political party is addressing key migrant, refugee or worker concerns. Please visit RAMA's website and take the pledge (thank you Robert for keeping us updated on this).

Education – Discussed upcoming education requirements for the spring. Talked about a big course in the new year that all committees could contribute to. It is hoped that all courses will explore diversity and be mindful of human rights

Immigrant Rubix – A project suggested by Maria-Luiza was a Rubix cube project for local immigrant children. Maria-Luiza and Kelly will source the cubes / possibility that we are able to customize with psac logo. Will develop more and present at next meeting. Group was in favour of the project.

Quilt – discussion on another quilt for our group. Kelly suggested that we prepare one for the upcoming spring BC PSAC convention and we have the organizers look after the raffle. Nadia and Maria-Luiza are both quilters. They agreed to work together to develop the design and construction.

Next Meeting: Saturday November 2, 2019 at 4 pm in Vernon. Meeting, Work project and Union Dinner. RSVP