

## Regional Women's Committee - AGM November 18 2015

### Attendees:

Vanessa Miller, Trish Martin, Julie Busier, Kay Ahmadi, Brenda Esplen, Giselle Henry, Cindy Little, Virginia Vaillancourt and Deanna Kimball.

Regrets: Jennette Lum

5:35 call to order

Motion to accept minutes moved by Trish Martin and seconded by Cindy Little. All in favour

Review of previous minutes. No amendments noted. Motion to accept minutes moved by Trish Martin, and seconded by Julie Bussiere. All in favour.

Kay Ahmadi provides treasurers report. Current remaining balance is \$2288.13. Trish Martin motion to accept as read. Seconded by Cindy Little. All in favour.

Discussion around National Inquiry to missing and murdered Aboriginal Women. Giselle spoke for the need to support this, and was there a way to continue the work we are doing and access more funds for campaigns. Vanessa explained that proposals can be made to the REVP's office to request funding for specific political action projects.

Proposed budget for 2016 introduced by Vanessa Miller. Budget was accepted as presented. Motion by Julie Bussiere and Seconded by Trish Martin. All in favour.

Deanna Kimball ran elections for the following positions: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.

Vanessa Miller nominated Julie Bussiere as chair. Seconded by Kay Ahmadi. Julie Bussiere accepts nomination. Acclaimed.

Trish Martin nominates Vanessa Miller as secretary. Seconded by Kay Ahmadi. Vanessa Miller accepts nomination. Acclaimed.

Trish Martin nominates Kay Ahmadi for treasurer. Seconded by Cindy Little. Kay Ahmadi accepts nomination . Acclaimed.

Deanna Kimball swears in new executive.

Giselle Henry suggests that the women's committee starts doing lunch and learns in various offices in order to better educate women and invite them to our meetings. Discussion ensued regarding logistics and ability to do this. Deanna suggested it may be easier to contact the locals and attend AGM's and request to speak there. Giselle excused herself and left the meeting. Julie Bussiere will follow up with Giselle in order to plan further actions.

Virginia provided update on status of December 6 event. Overview of who has been invited, that the invites and request for donations has been sent to locals. Some invited guests included Victim Services at VicPD, the new Minister for the Status of Women. Local politicians and MPs.

Virginia indicated that she has paid the \$50 bylaw fee, and that she has invited all the local unions, and labour council to attend the event and support.

Virginia requested volunteers for the event set up and take down. She also requested volunteers to assist with shopping after the events. Volunteers to contact Virginia directly. Also requested that the committee like and share the event out through facebook etc.

Trish made a motion to donate \$250 to the organizations that the Dec 6 event supports. Cindy Little requested to amend the motion to \$400. This was seconded Kay Ahmadi. All in favour.

Next meeting set of December 15 2016.

Deanna provided update on women's program nationally. She indicated there was a forum in Ottawa to talk about Domestic Violence at work. This will be the theme for the women's conference Fall 2016.

Also indicated racially visible conference will be Spring 2016 and the National Equity Conference will be March 2017.

Round Table: No further discussion ensued

Julie Bussiere motioned to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Seconded by Trish Martin. All in favour.