

Vancouver Island Regional Women's Committee – General Meeting – March 13, 2018

Executive Members:

Colleen Girard	Chair	UNDE 1008
Nancy Sermons	Vice- Chair	DCL 20500
Kay Ahmadi	Treasurer	UTE 20028

Members in attendance:

Nia Gillies	CEIU 20975	Katrina Harper	DCL 20500
Karolyn Jones	UCTE 20220	B Grisenwaithe	DCL 20500
Julie Bussiere	CEIU 20941		

Regrets : Patricia Martin, Vanessa Miller, Giselle Henry

Meeting called to order – 5 :36p.m.

Explanation of structure of meeting – VIHRC to join meeting at 6:15 for New Business

Agenda – No additions to agenda

Review Previous Minutes – Amended previous minutes to reflect Mel as motion to destroy ballots

Motion to approve minutes as amended – Julie Bussiere, 2nd Nia Gillies – motion carried

Treasurers Report – No report was given due to being no bank statements available for treasurer. No monies were spent since last meeting. Colleen to investigate where bank statements are. Balance \$2,942.37

Budget – Not passed at last AGM, executive met week prior to formulate budget. Colleen presented budget. Some discussion was had on the budget as per donations. Questions regarding mandate of women's committee and how it was reflected in the budget.

Motion by Colleen Girard, 2nd Julie Bussiere, motion carried

Review of Old Business

Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace – Discussion on where the committee will operate on a way forward towards having a possible conference, speaker and or political action rally. Speaking on gender harassment and what information we would be able to provide to our membership and in what forum. It was decided a sub-committee should be struck to

brainstorm ideas and come back to the committee. Members that volunteered for the sub-committee are as follows:

Colleen Girard, Nancy Sermons, Karolyn Jones, Katrina Harper

Break until 6:15 to join VIHRC with New Business items –

Meeting called to order by Colleen Girard – 6:15

Executive Members VIHRC

Dyan Day	Chair	UNDE 1013
Nancy Sermons	Vice-Chair	DCL 20500
Brenda Kipot	Treasurer	UNDE 1008
Vacant	Secretary	Vacant

Members Present:

Colleen Girard	UNDE 1008	Katrina Harper – DCL 20500
Paul Jones	UNDE 1008	Kay Ahmadi – UTE 20028
Ben Barnes	UNDE 1008	Julie Bussiere – CEIU 20941
Nia Gillies	CEIU 20975	Karolyn Jones – UCTE 20220

Regrets:

Trish Martin	CEIU 20975
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New Business

Event planning:

Women’s transition House – Nancy Sermons met with Executive Director Makena Riley, Elizabeth O’Brien (Development Manager) and Carol Billson (Volunteer Coordinator). Nancy spoke of functions the non-profit organization does for the community and how the committee could assist. Report attached.

Discussion was had by the committee to brainstorm ideas on how we would like to assist as a committee. An invite will be put out to the Transition House to speak to the committee at the next meeting.

December 6th Event – Montreal Massacre

Sub-committee struck to start planning for December 6th event. Members of committee is as follows: Colleen Girard, Julie Bussiere, Kay Ahmadi, Trish Martin, Dyan Day, Paul Jones, Katrina Harper

Chair handed to Dyan Day for New Business for VIHRC

Secretary has stepped down for the VIHRC, Dyan asked for interest.

Dyan gave a report of her recent HR UNDE meeting in Ottawa. She suggested utilizing some of the strategies they discussed and adopting them to fit the VIHRC.

Pride – Discussion was had on Pride in Victoria and Nanaimo. Victoria is July 8 and Nanaimo June 9. VIRHC would like to have a float in the Victoria Pride parade. Discussion was had on going out to locals for donations and participation in the parade as well as discussion on the float itself.

A motion was put on the floor to strike a sub-committee for pride by Paul Jones, second Nancy Sermons. Motion carried.

Sub-committee for Pride is as follows:

Dyan Day, Nancy Sermons, Paul Jones, Brenda Kipot, Nia Gillies

Question was posed on what was needed from the Women's committee. Motion to donate \$250 to the VIHRC for Pride – Colleen Girard 2nd Kay Ahmadi, carried.

More discussion on beads and supplies for pride, concern was raised that orders need to be placed in short delay to ensure supplies.

Public Outreach:

Question was posed by Ben Barnes on how we are dealing with Public Outreach. Paul Jones explained some of the steps that were taken to get more involvement in the committees. Points were raised on the use of Social Media, use of the Political Advisor from PSAC BC Region Patrick Bragg was encouraged.

Old Business:

Meeting that was had prior was not a quorum. Paul Jones took notes on the meeting and offered to produce a record of discussion.

Email was sent to Rosemary to send out for a vote for priorities of the VIHRC committee. 6 members voted. Pride was one followed by Pacific Peoples partnership and PEERS.

Suggestion was made to revise the email list for the VIHRC.

Treasurers Report

January balance \$2742.74

Donation received for \$50 to the Sacred Water Ceremony from UCTE

Donation was made to Don Tom in the amount of \$200 for his attendance at the Sacred Water Ceremony.

Balance as of January 31, 2018 \$2592.74 + \$53.05 from Equity Shares

\$655 coming back from NAPC in short delay

Motion to accept Treasurers report as presented - Nancy Sermons 2nd – Nia Gillies, motion is passed

Discussion had on Sacred Water ceremony and budget to present to NAPC for the next Sacred Water Ceremony. Clarity needs to be sought on how to present the budget for the next event. Further discussion to follow with Mike Ballard (NAPC Rep) earlier on in the process of planning.

Motion to adjourn- Nancy Sermons, 2nd Nia Gillies