



## ***Southern Interior Regional Women's Committee Minutes***

**DATE:** February 29, 2020

**TIME:** 10:09 am **LOCATION:** Teleconference

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Karen Sutton, Co-Chair (CIU 20045)	X	
Jeanne Olineck, Co-Chair (CEIU 20914)	X	
Lorelei Sterling, Treasurer (UVAE 20035)		X
Kareen Stanich, Secretary (AGR 20043)	X	
Nadia Sokal (AGR 20043)	X	
Carolyn McGillivray (CIU 20045)	X	
Linda Woods (UNE 20140)	X	
Maria-Louiza Romano (AGR 20027)		X
Kelly Megyesi (CEIU 20972)		X
Michelle Sibson (CEIU 20972)		X
Dawn Bassett (AGR 20043)		X
Carmen Thiessen (CEIU 20914)	X	
Tracie Komarniski (CEIU 20914)		X
Joy Harrison (APSAR)		X
<b>STAFF:</b>		
Robert Strang, PSAC BC Regional Rep.	X	
<b>GUESTS:</b>		
Nil		

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Changes / Additions:** Additions of (1) Kairos Blanket Exercise (Membership Drawing Event) and (2) Training

**Motion to adopt as amended:** Jeanne **Seconded:** Carolyn **Carried:** Unanimous

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Changes / Additions:** Nil

**Motion to adopt:** Linda **Seconded:** Carolyn **Carried:** Unanimous

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance as of January 18, 2020 - \$3974.37

Balance as of February 29, 2020 – \$3656.28

**Changes / Additions / Questions:** Cheques for (\$13.09) Vesta and (\$150.00) BC Regional Convention delegate registration were discussed but were outstanding as of meeting date.

Opening balance as of January 18, 2020 - \$3974.37

Expenses: (75.00) Travel

(50.80) Lunch

(30.00) Church rental

Closing balance as of February 29, 2020 – \$3818.57

**Motion to accept:** Kareen **Seconded:** Jeanne **Carried:** Unanimous

<b>Previous Business</b>
Nil
<b>New Business</b>
<b>1. UPDATE ON SISTERS IN SPIRIT</b>
<b>ACTION: Move item forward to next meeting.</b>
<b>2. SWAG – WATER BOTTLES</b>
<p>Purchase of SWAG items to raise visibility of committee at Convention and in Locals was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kelly investigating pricing, printing, etc. of water bottles.</li> <li>- Karen investigated having a friend customize t-shirts, water bottles, mugs, etc. using Cricut however a unionized Canadian supplier of the vinyl lettering is required and not available.</li> <li>- Nadia proposed delaying purchase of SWAG until September when state of budget is clearer; other members (Carolyn, Jeanne, Karen, Linda) advocated to proceed based on bank balance, good idea to be used as gifts in Locals, encourage consumption of tap water, water bottles affordable and useful). Consensus was to proceed with water bottles.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Kelly to provide an update at next meeting regarding water bottles.</b></p>
<b>3. 2020 LOCAL IMMIGRATION SOCIETIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outstanding item from 2019. No update available.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Move item forward to next meeting.</b></p>
<b>4. PSAC NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (APRIL 3-5, 2020, OTTAWA)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kelly elected as delegate for Women's Committee, Linda selected as delegate and Jeanne attending as observer.</li> <li>- There were 899 applications and 189 women selected to attend.</li> <li>- Discussion regarding number of delegates: previously conference was part of Equities Conference and there were &gt;300 women in attendance however not enough time was available for each group. Therefore separate conference will allow more time but fewer delegates. Question from Carolyn if there was a change in funding. Robert to clarify with Monica. Karen applied but was not selected; however, there were only 5 seats funded for CIU. Carolyn also applied but was not selected. Discussion on how funding of seats occurs and parameters for delegate selection.</li> <li>- Discussion of time at conference for education versus resolutions.</li> </ul>
<b>5. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD) MARCH 8</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Karen advised of events in Okanagan (Liquidity Wines, Oliver and some events in Vernon) but with a cost.</li> <li>- Robert provided information as follows: <p><b>Westbank First Nation, Summerland and Peachland</b>  <a href="https://www.kelownacapnews.com/news/peachland-to-host-international-womens-day-celebration/">https://www.kelownacapnews.com/news/peachland-to-host-international-womens-day-celebration/</a></p> <p><b>Okanagan First Ladies Tea and Bannock Community Celebration 2020</b>  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/okanagan-first-ladies-tea-and-bannock-community-celebration-2020-tickets-93680110733">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/okanagan-first-ladies-tea-and-bannock-community-celebration-2020-tickets-93680110733</a></p> <p><b>Okanagan Heritage Museum</b>  <a href="https://www.tourismkelowna.com/event/international-womens-day-exhibition/24659/">https://www.tourismkelowna.com/event/international-womens-day-exhibition/24659/</a></p> <p><b>Calendar of various events in BC at</b>  <a href="https://globalnews.ca/event/4916294/international-womens-day-3-4/">https://globalnews.ca/event/4916294/international-womens-day-3-4/</a></p> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Put on agenda in fall to discuss possibility of planning event.</b></p>
<b>6. PSAC BC REGIONAL TRIENNIAL CONVENTION</b>
<b>MOTION by Jeanne to contribute up to \$70 towards at least one joint basket from the three Okanagan committees; seconded by Kareen; carried unanimously.</b>

## 7. KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE (MEMBERSHIP DRAWING EVENT) APRIL 18, 2020

- Nadia, Kelly and Karen met by conference call last week. Karen contacted Westbank First Nation and an Elder will attend. Shelly Saje Ricci will facilitate but is travelling from Vancouver. Discussion as to possibility of facilitator travelling with Regional Rep to Okanagan; Robert advised of inability to commit due to mobilization activities. Human Rights Committee will meet beforehand (9:00AM), lunch will be served with opportunity for OAC and SIRWC to speak briefly about respective committees and day will end with another exercise to leave on positive.
- Kelly has prepared a poster for distribution. Registration, payment and poster details discussed: maximum 50 people, open to none PSAC, one point of contact needed for registration and payment, payment required in advance, possibility of funding those who can not afford to attend (Locals could purchase and give tickets away). Poster to be revised slightly to clarify registration and payment.

**ACTION: Karen to contact Kelly and finalize poster.**

**ACTION: Karen to ensure poster distribution through OAC and SIRWC committee members, to all Locals in Okanagan (Robert will provide contacts), to those who self-identify through PSAC BC Regional, and also on PSAC BC Regional website.**

**ACTION: Carolyn and Jeanne also to distribute through their contacts.**

## 8. TRAINING

### Convention Procedures, March 7-8, 2020

Coast Capri, Kelowna

Karen will have room and host evening of March 7<sup>th</sup>

### Domestic Violence at Work: PSAC Training for Representatives, March 21-22, 2020

Vancouver

Karen will have room and host evening of March 21<sup>st</sup>

### BRUSH (Health and Safety), March 25, 2020

Teleconference

## 9. ROUNDTABLE

Nil

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Kareen motioned to adjourn meeting at 11:35 am, Carolyn seconded, carried unanimously.

Discussion of having OAC and SIRWC on separate days. Three members indicated that back-to-back on same day was preferable. Suggested to extend meeting duration for both committees to 1.5 hours, depending on agenda. Alternate order of committee on teleconference - next teleconference SIRWC will go before OAC.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:35 am

**Next Meeting:** May 23, 2020; Penticton, time and location TBD