

**VANCOUVER REGIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, June 20, 2011**

**In Attendance**

Jennifer Chieh Ho, Angela Marafon, Deanna Wilson, Cheryl Oenema, Celine Ahodekon, Marion McLarty, Tracy Shudo, Kelly Sidhu, Shawna Hall, Jessica Kerek, Cecelia Parsons and Janelle Ho-Shing. **GUESTS:** Kelly Megyesi and Bob Jackson. **REGRETS:** Daphne Ho, Nagham Taha.

**The meeting was called to order.**

**Agenda**

**A motion to accept the agenda was made by Tracy, seconded by Marion**

M/S/C

**Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were distributed. Jennifer asked if anyone attended the Youth Pan Canadian event in Winnipeg, May 2011 but no one at the meeting attended. Tracy will provide the PSAC office with a copy of the receipt for the donation that the women's committee made at BC Convention. **A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cheryl, seconded by Tracy**

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**Financial Update**

As we do not currently have a treasurer, there was no update.

**New Business**

**Elections for the women's committee**

The positions of Secretary, Treasurer and one Co-Chair were vacant.

**Secretary** – Shawna Hall was nominated by Angela and seconded by Tracy.

**Treasurer** – Marion McLarty was nominated by Angela and seconded by Cheryl.

**Co-Chair** – Cheryl Oenema was nominated by Angela and seconded by Marion.

There were no further nominations; everyone accepted the nominations therefore the positions were acclaimed. Bob Jackson did the swearing in of the new executive members.

**Fall Events**

Discussion around the December 6<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil and how last year was the first year for Surrey to prepare one. There was some discussion around preparing an additional one in Vancouver but it was decided that we could focus more on one event than two. Kelly suggested the possibility of having one event for each committee like one on the island, one on the mainland, one in the interior and one in the north.

There is a walk on February 14<sup>th</sup> that Tracy mentioned many of the HR committee members will attend and we should consider this for the month of February.

Lots of talk about another movie night and maybe hold it in October.

Kelly talked about Sisters in Spirit and doing something to incorporate Aboriginal efforts or Human Rights efforts.

Celine mentioned that in Abbotsford last year only one woman did something around the December 6<sup>th</sup> event and Celine wants to find out more about her.

**Summer Institute**

A discussion ensued about the application process, who had applied, where to get funding, etc. It was brought to our attention that 5 PSAC youth women applied.

**Fight Back Campaign**

Bob Jackson spoke about the cuts to public service and what we need to do to get involved. The national web site has a whole lot of information and some money to spend on this campaign. It is important to note that we have to engage in conversations with everyone to help get the general public on our side and to understand how they are affected by these cuts. Refer to the website.

**National Child Care (resolutions)**

Janelle mentioned that we need to start some serious work around this issue as so many resolutions were sent to PSAC about this but no action currently taken. We need to focus on this subject.

**Communication**

Bob Jackson asked everyone to get their locals and AC and other committees to ensure that their information is correct in PSAC database. He encouraged everyone to get this message out to everyone at work too. The information should include, offsite emails, home addresses and phone numbers.

**A motion to reimburse Angela \$101.63 for tonight's dinner was made by Cheryl and Seconded by Cecelia.**

M/S/C

**Agenda items for next meeting**

Discussion around requesting non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, socks, face cloths, etc. soaps, shampoos, sock for the September meeting so that we could put small parcels together in order to give back to our community.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned as all the business was completed**