

Victoria Regional Womens Committee- January 21 2016

5:40 Call to order

Attendees: Julie Bussiere, Lorna Thompson , Brenda Esplen, Kay Ahmadi, Virginia Vallencourt, Vanessa Miller

Regrets: Trish Martin

Motion to accept Agenda moved by Virginia, seconded by Kay. All in favour.

Vanessa reviewed minutes. Virginia motioned to accept as read, Kay seconded. All in favour

Kay provided financial update. Vanessa Motion to accept. Virginia seconded. All in Favour

The committee discussed planning for 2016. There was discussion around typical events the committee supports including International women's day, and December 6th. Added to this there as discussion of the March in Vancouver on February 14 2016. There will be a similar walk on the island. March 7 and 8 there will be a press conference and rally for the BC Fed in Victoria. There was discussion around supporting the Area Council picnic in the summer and able to give out information and grow the committee, The committee also agreed to supporting Labour day events and completing our own events for October History month.

The Committee set their meeting dates February 17, April 27, September 20, October 26 (agm), December 8 2016.

The Committee discussed a funding request to help fund CLC winter school for Patricia Martin. Discussion ensued around requested \$250. Question was raised around how often the requestor attended our meetings. Vanessa indicated that in the last year the requestor missed just one meeting. Further clarification was sought around other funding that had been requested and received and the breakdown of what the money was for. Vanessa provided an update on what funding had been secured and what funding was still required. Vanessa made motion for \$200 from conference convention line item. Virginia seconded . All in favour

The Committee then discussed December 6 and purchases that were made for the organizations we support. Virginia stated lost some receipts. She stated that she will be submitting bank statements discussed items that were purchased for each of the organizations. It was noted that the cheque from Victoria labour council has not been received yet and Virginia would follow up at the next Labour Council Meeting.

Virginia reports back on BC Fed women's Committee. She indicated that Ontario just passed legislation with wording around domestic violence and how the employers can now be liable for not acting if they are aware or suspicious. It was noted that it was hoped that BC would follow suit.

There was further discussion around contract negotiations and the state of the federal government hiring. It was noted that Veterans Affairs is hiring as has Service Canada. We mentioned that CRA has been without contract for almost 4 years and TB tables akmost 2

years. looking at the PA group it was noted that there was a large amount of female staff. Discussion ensued around the impacts of contract negotiations on women specifically.

Lorna made a motion to cover the additional costs paid out by Virginia when shopping for the organizations in December. Kay seconded the motion. All in Favour.

Julie motion to adjourn at 6:45. Kay seconded. All in favour.