

**Victoria Regional Women's Committee  
General Meeting  
February 4, 2015**

**In Attendance:**

Kay Ahmadi  
Brenda Esplen  
Virginia Vaillancourt  
Vanessa Miller  
Kuldeep Deol  
Trish Martin  
Leanne Hughes

**Regrets:** Julie Bussiere

Meeting called to order by Chair Vanessa at 5:40pm

**Introductions**

Each of those in attendance introduced themselves

**Agenda**

Reviewed agenda.

- 1) Introductions
- 2) December 6 Debrief
- 3) Financial Report
- 4) CLC Training
- 5) International Women's Day Plans
- 6) Childcare Campaign
- 7) Round Table
- 8) Adjournment

Motion to accept Agenda

m) Trish      s) Kay                      carried

**December 6th Debrief**

Discussed Candle Light Vigil and installation of the monument.

Event went very well. Everyone was really proud to hold the event. Feedback from those in attendance was very positive. Very emotional experience.

Having Laurent Havienick and his wife in attendance was a great honour; very moving and emotional. Laurent helped to unveil the monument in memory of his sister Maud and the 13 other women and on behalf of all of the families.

Discussed amount of donations collected. The funds collected were used to purchase non perishable food items; toiletries; toothbrushes; toys; PJ's; Crock Pots; socks; arts and crafts. All of these donations were given to Victoria Transition House; Somenos Transition House; Bridges for Women (2 locations); Sandy Merriman House.

The Victoria RWC raised over \$1800 in donations.

Read thank you letters/cards from the donation recipient organizations.

"The 8 boxes of goods for the shelter you provided are greatly appreciated and will help ease the transition for families staying there Thank you so very much! T

### **Financial Report**

Reviewed financials by the Treasurer. Discussed the audit completed by Kay and Trish. The paperwork will be finalized and submitted to the REVP's office.

Motion to accept the Financial Report

m) Kay                      s) Leanne                      Carried

### **CLC Training**

Election preparation session March 6 & 7th

### **International Women's Day**

Bridges for Women is hosting their 5th Annual International Women's Day Luncheon at the Union Club.

Motion that the Victoria RWC purchase two tickets to the Luncheon - one for Virginia and one to be donated to a Bridges student.

m) Trish                      s) Kay                      Carried

Virginia will purchase the two tickets and invite the student to come to the Victoria RWC's next meeting to give overview of event. We will also be extending an invitation to the Community Development Manager with Bridges to come to our meeting to provide an overview of the programs and services offered and if there is anyway the committee can assist throughout the year.

For IWD the committee will be hosting an Open House Kitchen Table Discussion event on Childcare. The event will take place on March 8th. Venue to be determined. Time will be from 11:00 - 3pm. Committee members will meet at

9:30am for set up and review of table topics/questions. Committee will have crayons/pictures to colour on site for kids.

**Action:** Vanessa will work on the poster for the event.

**Action:** Virginia will talk to Patrick about advertising event with contacts.

**Action:** Virginia to confirm venue location.

**Action:** Kay and Brenda are working on short questionnaire.

Action: Virginia to create event costing/plan and submit to National and REVP for approval of funds

**Action:** Virginia to check on coverage/liability for childcare on site.

Posters for the event will be sent out to MP's; Union allies; Daycares; Locals. Committee is looking at having on site childcare available for those in attendance.

**Action:** Vanessa will talk to a contact she knows for providing care.

**Action:** Kuldeep will talk to a contact she knows for providing care.

Following the event, committee members will be going out for dinner (each paying for own meal)

### **February 14th Women's Memorial March**

Saturday February 14th at 11 am Our Place (919 Pandora Avenue), noon march to Parliament.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm