

**Victoria Regional Women's Committee
General Meeting via teleconference
January 10, 2013**

On Teleconference: Virginia Vaillancourt, Cindy Little, Astrid Stoker, Leanne Hughes, Rosemary MacKenzie PSACBC Staff; Janelle Ho-Shing PSACBC Staff
Women's Rep

Meeting called to order at 5:38pm

Introductions

Round table introductions of the members on the teleconference.

Minutes

Reviewed and approved September 27, 2012 AGM Minutes with one amendment to meeting date, correction to be made from December 6, 2012 to December 6, 2013.

Virginia asked if Rosemary was able to follow up with Patrick regarding posting the minutes on the PSAC BC Website to ensure all of them are on.

December 6th Candle Light Vigil Debrief

The new venue was okay but need more promotion of our location as it is off set from the road, which can create not as much exposure to the public. Discussed about having someone/paying someone to post posters around Victoria to promote the event starting in November 2013. Easy to unload and load vehicles. Talked about not many PSAC Members in attendance and the need to have more support from our allies. Discussion about how RWC messages may not be being disseminated. It was discussed about having a message sent out to each of the Local Executives to request the name and contact information for the Local's women's rep so the messages could be directly sent to the rep. Janelle advised that she will see what lists they have out of the PSAC Office and will get back to Virginia.

Donations received for the December 6, 2012 Candle Light Vigil

\$50.00 from Union of Canada Transport Employees Local 20220

\$280.00 from PSAC BC Regional Council (specifically used for Sandy Merriman House)

\$140.00 from Commissionaires (Jim Sidel's Local) (specifically used for Sandy Merriman House)

\$140.00 from PSAC Local 20169 UEW (specifically used for Sandy Merriman House)

\$200.00 from South Vancouver Island District Area Council
\$300.00 from Victoria Labour Council
\$500.00 from PSAC BC Regional Council (Specifically for Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre)

Upcoming Conferences

PSAC BC Regional Women's Conference will be held May 3 to 5th, 2013 at the Richmond Sheraton Hotel. Mark your calendars. Registration will be \$100.00. You can obtain assistance with the cost of registration through your local or through your women's committee as an active Women's Committee member.

Need volunteer(s) to be on the organizing committee for the upcoming Regional Women's Conference. If you are interested in helping to organize and plan the Conference please send Virginia an email vaillav@psac.com by January 16, 2013.

The National Women's Conference will be held November 18 to 21st, 2013. Resolutions deadline to be sent to National Women's Conference is June 21, 2013. Resolutions will need to be passed at BC Regional Women's Conference prior to being sent to the National Conference, so deadline to submit to BC Regional Conference will be in late March early April. More info in upcoming weeks on the BC Regional Women's Conference. Keep an eye out for the applications.

Budget

Year-end report and 2013 RWC budget are due at the Regional Executive Vice President's Office by January 29, 2013. Virginia will send email to EA to REVP advising information will be submitted following our February 7th meeting.

Information to REVP Office

Current executive contact information and 2013 RWC Meeting schedules are due in the REVP's office by January 29, 2013. Virginia will forward these.

International Women's Day

IWD will be on Friday March 8th, 2013; 5:30pm to 9pm. We are going to hold a Movie Night with international foods for dinner. We are still sorting venue location but will advise you at least 3 weeks in advance.

"The story of Women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights." By Gloria Steinem

Book

Virginia attended a leadership summit and there they had a Social Justice Event with many great tables containing information on a variety of social justice issues. A book that Virginia found that she thought would be good to have as a resource book that the RWC members could borrow is called "Feminism for Real Book". It costs \$20.00 which includes shipping & tax. Virginia will bring the paperwork in and description of the book at the Feb 7th meeting.

Rountable

Lynn from UCTE 20220 has stepped aside from the committee at this time.

Meeting finished at 6:20pm

Next Meeting

February 7, 2013 at 5:30pm