

Victoria Regional Women's Committee
June 20, 2013 Meeting

In Attendance: Virginia Vaillancourt, Vanessa Miller, Colleen Girard, Jeanette Lum, Brenda Esplen, Leanne Hughes

PSAC Staff: Rosemary MacKenzie

Guest: Tammy Dickeson, CUPW

Regrets: Cindy Little, Kay Ahmadi, Fiska Duguay

Meeting Called to Order: 5:37pm

PRIDE

Discussed the upcoming PRIDE Parade Sunday July 7th and VIHRC plans. Invited all members to attend and asked members to invite their friends and family to attend.

Motion to donate \$100.00 to VIHRC to assist with PRIDE event.

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Cheque written and will be mailed to VIHRC Treasurer.

Victoria Pride Society is looking for volunteers to help with PRIDE week events. If you are available to assist please see the information below.

1) MaryAnne, from the Victoria Film Festival, needs to fill several volunteer position during the evening party, on June 28, and late evening showings, on June 29 and 30. If you are interested in helping her out, please contact her directly at outreach@victoriafilmfestival.com

There are also a dozen positions available during the day and in the early evening. Please email MaryAnne for a complete list of what's available.

2) If you are interested in picking up another volunteer position (or exchanging one), and perhaps earning free movie passes or getting a free pride mug, read on...

Victoria Pride Society is looking for a group of volunteers to help with clean-up

after the Film Festival party, which starts at 10pm on June 28th. It would be from about 2am (in the wee hours of June 29) until the place is cleaned up. Considering the late time, we are going to offer two free movie passes (for the Reel Queer movie of your choice on June 29 or 30) for any volunteer who participates in the late-night clean-up. Please let Joe Winkler know via email at joeinvictoria@shaw.ca if you would like to sign up for this shift.

Victoria PRIDE Society VP, Terry Froud, needs two very responsible adults (19+) to man the pop and water station at the beer garden, on July 7, from 1-6pm. You would still be able to enjoy the parade before your shift begins. It's a long shift, but you will be able to enjoy all the entertainment on the beer garden stage and all the comings-and-goings at the beer garden (entertainment in itself!). As an incentive, I will give these volunteers a souvenir Pride mug! Please let me know if you would like to sign up for this shift or trade your July 7 shift for this one.

AGM Info

AGM is scheduled for September 18th starting at 5:30pm

Agenda items will include but not limited to:

Budget for 2014

2014 Event Planning

Elections

Guest Speaker – Diane DeChamplain from Victoria Transition House

Financial Report

December 6th Planning

Finalization of October History Month Event

Financial Update

Treasurer provided up date on banking. Total account is \$3007.37.

Allocation for 2013 received from PSAC BC and will be deposited to the RWC account. The 2013 allocation was \$1400.00. An updated accounting will be provided at the AGM.

The cheque from VIHRC was received for the Dec 6 donation of \$140.00 to purchase non-perishable food items for the Sandy Merriman House. Cheque

already deposited to bank and total account above includes this amount. Virginia will do the shopping this weekend and will deliver the food to them. Virginia will submit receipt to RWC Treasurer to be reimbursed.

We Are All Affected

Discussed that PSAC held Webinar on Bill C525.

Discussed Canada Post sick leave process now that they no longer have sick leave. Information shared by one of their members

SWAG

Discussed SWAG for the Victoria RWC. Women's Committee would like to obtain SWAG to hand out at events to help raise awareness on our committee and what we do, though we would like to add the committee information on it. Virginia and Vanessa will work together to draft info to add to the SWAG ie., Working to End Violence Against Women, Info on Women's History Month/Important Dates throughout the year. Discussed getting items like water bottles, freebies

Overview of Union School

Virginia, Vanessa and Colleen shared some information from their attendance at Union School. Colleen attended the Health and Safety Course and Vanessa and Virginia both attended the Unions Working for Women Course. Discussion on how both courses were really good, informative, lots of new members, good location, great opportunity, networking, how others are affected through all the changes, great info in the course, history of women and the effect of the changes to legislations by government to women.

Women's History Month

Discussed upcoming event scheduled for Thursday October 17th. We will be holding a history movie night with food including Chinese, Pizza, and popcorn. When event poster goes out will request any allergies with RSVP.

Virginia will send email request to PSAC to get list of videos available.

Dec 6th Candle Light Vigil

Event application and site plan has been submitted to the City. Still have Noise-By-Law application and \$50.00 fee to submit. Discussed members'

handing out and post event posters. Discussed also hiring someone to post the posters around the city on the event poles around town.

Virginia will contact Graffiti team with City to find out when they remove the posters off the poles around the city. This is so that the committee can figure out schedule to put up posters for Candle Light Vigil.

Discussed memorial plan for 2014 Candle Light Vigil. Committee is looking into doing a memorial plaque on a boulder to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. Virginia is currently working on proposal to submit to the City. Invite is also being worked on and will be sent to Suzanne Laplante-Edward Mother of Anne Marie Edward victim from the Montreal Massacre to join us for the event in 2014. Discussed the funding for 2014 event, memorial and costs for bring Mrs. Laplante-Edward out.

Committee will start to fund raise starting at the AGM in 2013 to help with the costs.

National Equity Conference

Held recent vote the week of June 4-9th via email to select delegate to the National Equity Conference as the Victoria Regional Women's Committee Delegate. Virginia Vaillancourt was selected as the delegate for the Committee.

Discussed having an alternate delegate selected from the committee just in case something happens. Leanne Hughes was selected as the alternate. Virginia has sent email to Kristin EA to REVP BC to advise of alternate.

Next meeting: AGM September 18, 2013