

**Vancouver Island Regional Women's Committee**  
**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 5:30 pm**

Teleconference Meeting Due to COVID

Attendees:

Karolyn Jones Chair	UCTE 20220	Monica Urrutia	PSAC Staff
Kay Ahmadi Treasurer	UTE 20028	Leanne Hughes	CIU 20042
Nancy Sermons Vice Chair	DCL 20500	Agnes Donavan	UCTE 20220
Kahla Lichti	UNDE 21016	Dyan Day	UNDE 1013
Kristina MacLean Secretary	UNDE 21008	Kim Tenhunnen	UHEW 20076
Megan Lessard	CEIU 20941		

Regrets: no regrets received.

Call to order:

Karolyn called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. Adoption of Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Previous Minutes
- VI WC Response to Covid-19
- New business
  - July 16 Summit
  - June Pride month
  - Treasurer position
- Adjournment

**Motion to adopt: Karolyn Jones**

**Seconded: Kay Ahmadi**

**CARRIED**

2. Review and Approval of April 15, 2020 meeting minutes:

**Motion to adopt: Karolyn Jones**

**Seconded: Nancy Sermons**

**CARRIED**

3. VIWC Response to COVID-19 **Where can we make a difference?**  
**Seems to be a theme of discussion during COVID Pandemic times**

- Dyan Day brought up supporting the BLM movement. Either by Political action or Political donation. Dyan and Kristina to be contact people.
- One member shared her local is having issues with 699 leave. PSAC has a communique about it, Monica Urrutia to send out to the Committee members for reference. Actions such as grievances should be taken with Component/RO consultation.
- It was recognized that the current crisis is leaving many women without help. Discussion ensued about possible ways to help. Is there Gender Based Survey's? The main concern which was unanimously agreed upon is we want to find out what they need rather than taking the "Lady Bountiful" approach and not addressing concerns for them. Kahla, brought up the need for a letter to ensure the funds are going to the write place.

Motion to solicit funds for women & children domestic abuse on Vancouver Island related to COVID 19 pandemic. (ensure within that motion is letter is requesting what they need specifically ahead of time)

**Motion to accept: Karolyn Jones**

**Seconded: Kristina MacLean**

**CARRIED**

- There was a discussion to find ways to make cloth masks. Nancy shared costs from her experience. It is important to note we cannot use the **PSAC LOGO on masks if we were trying to distribute masks to members and transitions houses.** Also important to note we are not trying to replace the Employer's responsibility to provide Protective Personal Equipment. If someone was interested in sewing masks it could be sent to all self-identified women on Vancouver Island. Kahla agreed to be the point person.

- There was also discussion about support various crisis lines for women on the Island. Perhaps add this to the solicitation drive motion that was passed earlier? Agnes to check on permission, costs if we do an ad with the crisis line to get their name out.

#### 4. New Business

- June Pride How to show our support. Discussion ensued with Nancy Sermons to speak with Patrick Bragg about creating a poster and adding support to the webpages.

Motions to Reallocate Pride parade funds to LGBTQ organization of choice.  
Kahla to research more into an organization, perhaps QMunity BC?

**Motion to Accept:** Nancy Sermons

**Seconded By:** Kristina MacLean

**CARRIED**

- July 16 Summit Executive BC Regionals Spots Still available for the executive.

Discussion ensued with Nancy Sermons and Monica Urrutia about 30-day notices for meetings. Resolved.

- Kay Ahmadi is retiring. The chair and committee discussed our gratitude and our bitter/sweet feeling we have as Kay journeys to the next chapter of her life. We are all so blessed to have her knowledge, & reliability at these meetings for so many years. We wish her all the best and hope that she knows she is always welcome at any one of our meetings and events as a welcomed and guest. Kay's long service will be dearly missed.

#### 5. Next meeting: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 5:30pm**

**Motion for Adjournment:** Karolyn Jones CHAIR

**Seconded:** Nancy Sermons

**CARRIED @ 8:00 pm**