

Vancouver Island Regional Women's Committee Meeting

PSAC Regional Office Boardroom 210 - 1497 Admirals Rd, Victoria BC

November 20, 2019

Attendance: Nancy Sermons, Karolyn Jones, Leanne Hughes, Kahla Lichti, Kristina Maclean, Kay Ahmadi, Agnes Donovan, (On Phone) Kelly Sidhu, Victoria Ye, Marian ?, Danielle Dardengo

Meeting called to order: 5:47pm

Adopt the Agenda - Moved Leanne Hughes, Seconded by Carolyn. Carried.

Adoption of Previous meeting minutes: July 24 minutes are now done with corrections. Oct. 23 minutes no corrections. Moved by Kay, Seconded Caroline. Carried.

New Business: Now open the election for the delegate to the BC Triennial Convention. Agnes nominated Caroline Jones, Leanne nominated Kay Ahmadi, Kahla nominated Christina McLean.

James runs the election. Results: Caroline Jones elected as Delegate, Christina elected as Alternate. Motion to destroy ballots Moved by Leanne, Seconded by Nancy.

Old Business

- **Dec 6 CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL** - pamphlets for the event are at the printer, Posters have been sent out and please post on your bulletin boards, it is open to everyone. We are lucky that Virginia Vaillancourt will be here to mark the 30th anniversary of the Dec 6 tragedy. She was a founding member/ chair of the Victoria Women's Committee and had the permanent monument established at Holland Point. It is a reminder that women are living with violence everyday. Volunteers are needed to help set up on the day of the event. The candles are purple as a symbol of remembrance. There are also pins to hand out with the pamphlets. We would like the volunteers to meet at 4 pm the day of the event to help set up the podium, speaker, table etc. James will pick up the roses. The permit is done and so is the insurance. We will be getting hot chocolate and coffee for the event. Nancy is bringing purple chem lights. There will be 2 sandwich boards at the location. We need one volunteer to stay with the cash donation container. We will be asking people to place a rose on the monument when the person's name is called. Advised to bring flashlights as it is quite dark there. We will bring a tent in case of rain. North Island will advertise on facebook for South Islander who can attend. Also asking for new and nearly new clothes/ coats/new toiletries for kids and women for donations. There are 2 drop off points, one at CFB Esquimalt and on Government Street. Ask Nancy for contacts. We have collected a total of \$1100.00 so far to donate.

Nancy made a motion to rescind the previous meeting's decision where a donation of \$1000.00 was made, she would like the donation to be \$500.00 to the Victoria transition house because of the existing budget for the upcoming year. Nancy moved, Kay seconded recommendation passed.

- Our **guest speaker** arrived. Guest Speaker Susan Howard Fundraiser for Victoria Women's Transition House. <https://www.transitionhouse.net/> They support women, children and seniors. It takes 7 to 10 attempts to leave their partners. Call it Femicide <https://www.femicideincanada.ca/welcome>

November 25 starts International Day to end violence against women. Runs till December 6, Human Rights Day. 16 day window. Guest speaker talked about how they will be getting land for secondary housing in Langford. Government funding. Susan Howard said they always need baked goods (cookies) they can put in freezer and pull out. They are currently in need of socks, underwear and pajamas. She mentioned Soup Sisters Victoria , where you can get together in groups of up to 25 at Camosun Interurban campus to make soups that are then taken to the house The volunteers get a glass of wine and bowl of soup and bread for their volunteerism. <https://www.soupsisters.org/victoria.php>

Kelly Sidhu mentioned that the Gender Equity Task Force was on the PSAC website <http://psacunion.ca/genderequity> Gender Equity Task Force website is now live. On this page you will also find a link to the Gender Equity Task Force survey and other information about their work. I encourage you to inform your members about the Gender Equity Task Force, if you haven't done so already, and guide them to our website to learn more about the Task Force

Resolutions:

Dependant Meal Resolution, Carried, all in favour.

Utilization of Alternates, Carried

Hormonal Support – Withdrawn by originator Carolyn

Right to choose, carried

National Young Workers Committee, carried

National Young Workers Conference, carried

Young Workers Summit, carried

Registration Fee, carried

Membership engagement, carried

Bargaining,not carried

Education, carried

REVP, not carried

Child Care, not supported, we already have ours so we support it but were using ours

- **Financial Report**, read by Kay Amahdi
- we have 3,790.07\$ in the bank currently
- we have 900.00\$ donations to dispense,
- we have expences from pre determined events still to come
- 500.00\$ more donations to come for transition house
- by year end we will have 1000.00\$ leftover after , and we still need to give donations to the triannual, womens conference, and AGM, but we dont get allocations until the summer time.

Nancy thanks everyone for giving up their time to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 843 Pm