



PSAC Vancouver Regional Women's Committee

March 7th, 2019

Present: Amrit Sihota, Michelle Gamble, Corrine Clelland, Johanne Chevalier, Betty Luey, Ann-Marie Friesen, Dorene Ganton, Kelly Sidhu, Gonee Saini, Jennifer Horsley, Marion McLarty, Susie Blyth, Joanne Hay, Terri Lee, Samina Anwar, Lila Chan, Ruby Langan, Veronica Archila Araujo, Vanessa Schols, Magda McKay, Theresa Marion, Parminder Sidhu, Sandy Kincek, Nancy Moran, Patrice Eslami, Iris Michael

Guests; Kelly Megyesi, Sheila Dunnachie, Kat Norris, Niki Langan, Jiya Sidhu, + 6 names unfortunately not captured

Staff: Monica Urrutia

Regrets: Zita Lambert, Sky Belt, Shelley Bear, Janet Routledge, Crystal Warner, Karen D'souza, Dorene Ganton, Karen, Nancy,

Welcome – Kelly Megyesi

The Vancouver Regional Women's Committee (VRWC) welcomed everyone to our International Women's Day meeting and celebration.

Susie Blyth honoured us by giving the territorial acknowledgment.

Minutes

Previous minutes were distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept Michelle Gamble, 2nd Jennifer Horsley, all in favour. *m/s/c*

VRWC – Amrit Sihota

An overview of the committee as well as congratulations and introduction of the new executive. Amrit & Zita co-chairs, Michelle secretary, Corrine treasurer, and Johanne communication

Treasure Report – Corinne Clelland

January 1, 2019 – Opening balance \$798.66

Less cheques - \$65 for coffee for women's centre and \$107.35 for January meal costs

Closing balance as of February 28th, 2018 \$626.31.

Our budget has been submitted and we are hoping to receive our allocation shortly. Corinne moved her financial report, Susie seconded and all were in favour [m/s/c](#)

Regional Women's Conference – Kelly Sidhu

As the BC Women's Coordinator, Kelly welcomed all those presents. She invited those present to join the women's committees and she announced the upcoming regional women's conference which will be held September 13-15, 2019 in Richmond.

PSAC Update – Monica Urrutia

Monica talked about the April 4th Bargaining & Phoenix Membership Mixer and gave handouts about the International Women's Day – make childcare affordable campaign

psacunion.ca/IWD-2019-childcare



IWD Event – Kelly Megyesi

38 were in attendance. Special guests were introduced. Sheila Dunnachie, retired PSAC activist was in attendance. Janet Routledge janetroutledge.ca was hoping to attend but had ferry problems so had to send her regrets. Regional Council members were identified and thanked for their work on our behalf

We started off with a snowball icebreaker which was a lot of fun. Lots of door prizes – thank you to those people that contributed items from themselves and their component. It makes it fun to be able to win something.

Ruby Langan introduced Kat Norris an elder. [Kat is a Salish poet, writer, social activist and public educator.](#) We were fortunate to listen to her words on life and the importance of family.

After dinner we had a fun game, which tested our abilities to follow (or not) directions. The evening ended with thankyou's from Amrit.

Next meeting – June 12 6 p.m.