



January 18th, 2017 Minutes

Present:

Kelly Megyesi CEIU, Jen Horsley UPCE, Jennifer Chieh Ho UNE, Sarah Toma CEIU, Helen Gill AGR, Ruby Langan UNE, Inessa Galperin CEIU, Jennifer Gourley CIU, Michelle Simard GSU, Sandy Chatha CIU, Kelly Sidhu, CEIU, Deanna Kimball PSAC. Regrets Cheryl Oenema UCTE

Welcome

Welcome to everyone joining us.

2016 Financials

Kelly Sidhu presented last years audited financial statement. m/s/c
Budget for 2017 discussed later in the meeting after events discussed.

Reports

Dec 6 –Sandy Chatha gave an overview of the very successful but way too cold event. Kelly M extended heartfelt thanks to Sandy for representing the VRWC on the organizing event committee and to Jennifer Chieh Ho for her dedication to making the event such a success over the years. Jennifer Chieh Ho who is the founding member of the event for PSAC Vancouver also thanked the women's committee for their involvement. She commented that it was good to be working again with VRWC on this event. Everyone that attended agreed that an indoor event for 2017 would be a great idea. Wonderful student participation from Kwantlen College. Thanks again to everyone for their part.

Human Rights Conference – Inessa Galperin gave a brief overview of highlights of her conference (full report attached). She thanked the VRWC for their contribution and talked about some of the highlights.

CLC National Young Workers Conference – Sarah Toma reported on this event. She thanked the VRWC for allowing her this opportunity. She had never been to Ottawa or travelled on her own so it was great to do both. "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Dress for Success – Kelly Sidhu reported out on this event. The VRWC donated \$360 which is the cost to sponsor someone for the full year. Kelly S met with one participant and told the group about her moving story. Kelly S & Kelly M attending the fundraising luncheon. <https://vancouver.dressforsuccess.org>

Robyn Benson – Ruby Langan won 15 minutes with our PSAC president which Ruby used as an opportunity to talk about indigenous training and diversity training for our leaders. It was well received and Robyn was very supportive. Commitment made that diversity training would be part of the 2017 union

leadership training. Congratulations Ruby and thank you to UNE for the contest that allowed this wonderful opportunity.

Upcoming Dates/Events 2017

January 21 – Women's March

February 14 – Women's Memorial March MMIWG

March 8 – International Women's Day

March 24–28 – National Equity Conference

June 16 – 18 – BC PSAC Regional Convention (Election of Delegate)

October 14 – Sisters in Spirit

December 6 – National Day of Remembrance

Projects

Shoebbox – Jennifer Horsley gave an overview of this project. The committee was excited to undertake and chose this to be our 2017 project. Jennifer will draft a flyer and members on council agreed to bring forward at the next regional council meetings. Kelly M felt that it would be good to have it as the charity of choice for the PSAC BC Convention and also felt that it would be good to have boxes at convention as well. Fanning it out to locals was another suggestion. Jennifer will also touch base with Linda who is working on something similar.

Umbrella – Kelly/Kelly presented the group with an umbrella with logo. This would be used for marches, and gifts/thank you's for a number of years. Minimum order would be 50.



International Women's Day

It was agreed that VRWC would set-up and run a table at the March 4 event in **Surrey**. Queen Elizabeth Secondary, 9457 King George Blvd., Surrey, BC tentative time 12:30 to 4:00 more details to follow.

An March 8 action is being planned for the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC (**CCABC**). We will post details on the PSACBC website when available.

Discussion around ideas and options for an **IWD celebration**. Top idea was to host a celebration downtown which would include dinner, some fun activities, a chance for women to connect, guest speakers etc. Kelly M suggested that we find a place where cost would be about \$20 all in and then we offset the cost by selling tickets at \$10 per person (ensures commitment and makes the cost more reasonable) Kelly M will work on. National BC Officers have been contacted.

VRWC

As the executive was newly elected in the fall – Deanna said that elections could be postponed until next AGM (January 2018).

BC PSAC Convention Delegate

Through a consensus process, Kelly Megyesi was selected as the BC PSAC Convention delegate. psacbc.com/convention-2017. There is a March deadline for resolutions.

Financial Motions –

Kelly M \$67 for the executive meeting m/s/c

Kelly S \$42.31 for the Dress for Success meeting with Grace m/s/c

Kelly M for \$45.99 for the meeting dinner m/s/c

Surrey IWD event donation of \$50 m/s/c

Kelly M motioned to spend \$500 on VRWC umbrellas m/s/c

Kelly S motioned to pay our annual CCABC childcare membership \$75 m/s/c

Budget 2017

Meetings	\$ 300
Donations	\$ 200
Training/Education	\$ 200
Events/Projects	\$ 400
Conference/Convention	\$ 400
Umbrellas	\$ 500
Total	\$2000
m/s/c	

Meetings 2017

January 18, 2017 – completed

March 8 – mtg and celebration downtown Vancouver (invitations to follow)

June 16 – mtg at convention downtown (after session prior to evening events)

October 4 – Stolen Sister Meeting – downtown tba

November 15 – Shoebox Project Meeting, PSAC BC office

Regina Brennan

The Vancouver women's committee is saddened by the loss of Regina. She was a strong activist for women and she mentored so many of us. The memorial service is January 29th, 2017.