

**Victoria Regional Women's Committee**  
**General Meeting**  
**January 24, 2011**

**In Attendance:** Cindy Little, Jeanette Lum, Brenda Esplen, Astrid Stoker, Kay Ahmadi, Giselle Henry, Virginia Vaillancourt, Rosemary MacKenzie (PSAC Staff)

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

**Introductions** – The Committee welcomes Astrid to the meeting.

The Committee reviewed and approved the November 9, 2010 meeting minutes. (m) Kay (s) Cindy Carried

**Debrief on December 6<sup>th</sup> Candle Light Vigil**

Discussion was had regarding the Candle Light Vigil, what went well, suggestions for changes, reviewed donations received and reviewed event costs. There is one expense to be submitted which will be added to the event costs and shared with the committee at the following meeting.

- point out Info Table
- great pictures
- men saying name and laying rose & candle had a great impact
- hot paws were a great addition
- need to ensure we have 3 tables for next year
- work on getting the word out further, committee members to talk about the event at their locals', in their community, with friends/family; each committee member to bring 2 people with them to event
- everyone did a great job in working together to put on another successful event

- speakers were great, opening by Aboriginal Elder was enjoyed by all, Aboriginal mourning song was very touching – look at having again at 2011 event
- it was nice having the sound system to use, reduced event costs
- logistics of parking
- symbolism of shoes had an impact though took quite a while to set up and arrange - may be easier to do up posters to commemorate the aboriginal women who have gone missing/murdered but still collect shoes to donate to Women's Organizations
- have chairs at 2011 event for people to sit if needed
- the gentleman from William Head Institute who made the Dec 6<sup>th</sup> poster frames for the committee was in prison for killing his wife
- have family members/women who have suffered from violence/abuse come to speak/share their stories
- thank you letters are being worked on and will be sent to the donators/speakers
- Helping Spirit Lodge received 100 pairs of the donated shoes and the Victoria Transition House received 200 pairs of the donated shoes. A total of 488 pairs of shoes were donated

Media coverage for the event included:

CFOX 1070 interview day of event; Times Colonist interview day prior to event; A Channel News attended event; 100.3 TheQ advertised event on their morning program. The event was posted on BC PSAC Website, UVAE Local Website, sent out to all Locals on Vancouver Island and was put on Facebook Events.

**Victoria Regional Women's Committee (PSAC)  
December 6, 2010 Candle Light Vigil Costs & Donations Received**

<b>Donations Received</b>	<b>Event Costs</b>	<b>Donations Going To</b>
\$100.00 Area Council (cashed by & [paid to Virginia)	\$452.79 Buttons – to be paid from Victoria RWC (minus \$136.25 rec'd for buttons = Button cost to Committee is \$316.54)	
\$20.00 from CAW (paid to Virginia)	\$64.40 – Journals, mittens, books –paid by Virginia	Victoria Womens Transition House
\$20.00 for buttons – from Patti Ducharme (Paid to Virginia)	\$175.93 – Laminate & dry mount of posters – paid by Virginia	Victoria Women's Transition House
\$56.25 for buttons – from Kitimat Terrace & District Labour Council PO Box 741 Terrace, BC V8G 4C3	\$27.99 – Ink for printing material for info table– paid by Virginia	
\$60.00 for buttons – from Groupes d'Equite de l'AFPC Quebec 1632 St – Gerard Saint Alexandre-D'Iberville (Quebec) J0J 1S0	\$65.98 – toothbrushes, socks, slippers, games – Paid by Virginia	Victoria Women's Transition House
\$150.00 from UNDE Local 1010 6755 Helgason Rd RR#2 Sooke, BC V0S 1N0	Cheque made out directly to Victoria Women's Transition House	Victoria Women's Transition House
\$400.00 Regional Council Budget of Virginia		
\$100.00 from Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee		
	\$119.00 ferry & \$68.95 km travel reimbursement for Giselle Henry Total - \$187.95	Spirit Helping Centre in Vancouver
<b>TOTAL - \$756.25 Plus \$150.00 direct to Victoria Women's Transition House Total Rec'd = \$906.25 { \$136.25 rec'd towards buttons }</b>	<b>TOTAL Cost - \$787.09 Total Owed to Virginia is \$334.30 minus funds Received \$140.00 = \$194.30 owed to Virginia (Paid Jan 24, 2011)  Total paid to Giselle - \$187.95</b>	\$600.00 to spend from donations \$522.25 used = \$77.75 left over

## BC Triennial Convention Delegate Elections

Committee Members interested in going to the BC Regional Triennial Convention May 13 – 15, 2011, as the Victoria RWC Delegate are:

Kay  
Brenda  
Giselle

Elections run by Rosemary and Rosemary and Jim Little counted the votes.

1<sup>st</sup> election was held. Brenda and Giselle received the most votes, and as per the BC ByLaws Kay was removed from the election process.

Motion to destroy ballots made by Virginia. Seconded by Brenda. Carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> election was held. Brenda is the Victoria RWC Delegate and Giselle is the Alternate.

Motion to destroy ballots made by Cindy. Seconded by Kay. Carried unanimously.

The committee will be covering the registration cost of the BC Triennial Convention for the Victoria RWC Delegate as well as loss of salary for the Friday, which is not covered.

### Victoria RWC Budget 2011

Meetings	\$400.00
Donations	\$200.00
Events	\$500.00
SWAG	\$200.00
Conferences	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1600.00</b>

## **2011 Meeting Dates**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

March 8, 2011 – **IWD Event** 6pm – 8:30pm

May 30, 2011

September 13, 2011

October 26, 2011 **Annual General Meeting – Elections**

November 14, 2011

December 6, 2011 – **Candle Light Vigil Event**

## **Meeting with MP's re Childcare and Pensions**

Giselle, Kay, Virginia and Brenda are interested in meeting with Local MP's to discuss Child Care and Pensions.

Virginia will coordinate with PSAC to arrange a meeting.

## **March 8<sup>th</sup> Event – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Women's Day**

Ideas for March 8<sup>th</sup>

- pampering night (massage, nails, etc) – Giselle knows a couple of estheticians, Virginia will also check with a couple
- movie night (Kay has video which she has used at her Local's Women Committee)
- comedian

The March 8<sup>th</sup> event will run from 6-8:30 pm. The Committee will be putting on a Pamper Movie Night; which will include information on notable women in history. Virginia will send out event poster.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm