



Ottawa Regional Women’s Committee
Thursday, September 14, 2017

Light dinner at 5:00 pm 5:30 – 7:30 pm
1620 Scott Street, (11 Holland Ave)
Pat McGrath boardroom

Jennifer Keays, Chair

Grace Morgan, Alternate Chair

Christina Lamothe, Secretary

Anne-Marie Grondin, PSAC Regional Representative: grondia@psac-afpc.com

MINUTES

Attendees:

- Louise Belisle
- Anne-Marie Grondin
- Jennifer Keays
- Christina Lamothe
- Grace Morgan
- Judith Price
- Carla Ross
- Louise Sicard

Welcome

Changes, additions, and adoption of the agenda

Changes, additions, and adoption of the previous minutes – previous minutes to be reviewed and resubmitted for next meeting

Financial report – ad hoc financial statement was provided. Concerns were raised about the nature and format of the report, therefore this committee will explore the idea of having a treasurer added to the governance

♀ **Motion:** L. Belisle moved seconded by C. Ross; for a subcommittee to be formed to look at financial matters, including a need for a treasurer. **Motion carried** Sis. L Sicard will also work with this subcommittee

Funding requests:

- ♀ Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre (see attached) request denied. See support for the Centre
- ♀ Women’s Activist Library – put forth by Anne-Marie that this committee would establish and create a physical library of books and educational materials. A list

of suggested books was provided. Full support for this was expressed and perhaps it could be hosted in the Pat McGrath Boardroom.

Upcoming events:

- ♀ Women's Initiative for Safer Environments (WISE) – Take Back the Night, September 21, 2017 – to be also shared with Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre
- ♀ Women Becoming Elected Leaders, October 4, 2017 – Citizens for All Women (CAWI)
- ♀ National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2017
 - ♀ **Motion** To purchase as many mini “pussy hats” as possible for \$250.00 for distribution at commemorative March. C. Lamothe moved; L Sicard seconded, motion carried. Mini hats will be used as a fundraiser/awareness for the Rape Crisis Centre.
 - ♀ Carla agreed to contact Jack Purcell Community Centre for the after service rendez-vous and hot chocolate gathering
 - ♀ IDEAS requested for food items to be served
- ♀ Invite Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre to this event

Priorities:

- ♀ Developing women leaders (e.g., Toastmasters speech craft)
- ♀ Terms of Reference committee – agreed to look at this and get back to committee
- ♀ Keen interest in this and developing guidelines to have a better handle on “financials” is a particular interest of this committee.

Round table

- ♀ Anne-Marie mentioned the FAQ on Women's issues related to the following:
Domestic workers; family violence; \$15/hour min wage; pensions
- ♀ Support for Transgender issues
- ♀ Oct 12th – Phoenix Demonstration downtown

Next meeting – Thursday, October 26, 2017

Adjournment

Action Items

- ♀ Strike a committee to review Terms of Reference
- ♀ Purchase mini pussy hat pins
- ♀ Carla to reserve Jack Purcell Community Centre, if available
- ♀ Come to next meeting with ideas for refreshments
- ♀ Invite ORCC to attend post-vigil event

Committee updates and information posted here:

<http://psac-ncr.com/our-organization/committees/ottawa-regional-women>

Women's Initiative for Safer Environments (WISE) – Take Back the Night

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Minto Park for rally (18:15)

Ottawa streets for the march (19:00)

Ottawa City Hall for the gathering (20:00)

<http://wiseottawa.ca>

Women Becoming Elected Leaders – Action Forum

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 (18:00 – 20:30)

Colonel By Room, 2nd Floor, Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. W.

www.eventbrite.ca/e/women-becoming-elected-leaders

Vigil to honour and grieve all women who have died as a result of male violence

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Ottawa Women's Monument at Elgin & Gilmour (18:00)

Podcast episode list of Stuff Your Mom Never Told You (SYMNTY)

- ♀ Women & White Supremacy
- ♀ The Women of the Labour Movement
- ♀ The Untold History of Women's Equality Day
- ♀ What is Benevolent Sexism?
- ♀ Policing Women's Speech
- ♀ Is Catcalling Harassment?
- ♀ Trailblazing Lesbians You Should Know
- ♀ The Secret History of International Women's Day
- ♀ Were Mediums the First Feminists
- ♀ Hey, Ladies!
- ♀ Do Women's Marches Matter?
- ♀ Villainesses
- ♀ Feminism for Sale
- ♀ The Mothers of Gynecology
- ♀ Knitting

Pattern

Worsted weight yarn on 16" circular needles size US 8

Cast on 100 stitches

Work in k2, p2 ribbing for 4.25"

Change to stockinette (k all) until piece measures 8" from cast on edge.

Bind off all stitches and seam **or** turn inside out and bind off using 3-needle bind-off