



Ottawa Regional Women's Committee
Thursday, October 26, 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:

- Debra McIntyre
- Joanne Robinson
- Christina Lamothe
- Louise Belisle
- Grace Morgan
- Louise Sicard
- Carla Ross
- Jodi McPherson
- Miriam Colfax
- Lynda MacLellan
- Laura Kaeding
- Danielle Pion
- Rhea Sandy
- Jennifer Keays
- Anne-Marie Grondin

Welcome

Changes, additions, and adoption of the agenda

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Financial report – ad hoc financial statement was provided. Sis. L. Belisle Sis. L Sicard & Sis. C. Ross have formed a sub-committee and will present at the AGM recommendations

Terms of reference

Committee has met and will present recommendations at the upcoming AGM

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2017

- ♀ Location – Carla secured Jack Purcell Community Centre, a fairly small room walkable from the vigil
- ♀ Snacks – Purchase cookies from Virginia Haddad and accept or buy hot chocolate, Motion to spend \$250 for refreshments carried
- ♀ Swag – Mini pussy hats were purchased and will be distributed (for \$5 donation) as a fundraiser/awareness for the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre (ORCC)
- ♀ Program

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
- ♀ Anne-Marie is looking for “Burnt by Phoenix” stories
- ♀ Canada Labour College – Deadline to apply is October 28, 2017
- ♀ Rhea mentioned the Social Justice trip to Guatemala “Education in Action”
- ♀ Sister Jodi MacPherson from Cape Breton mentioned the Steven Lewis Foundation Trip “Grandmothers to Grandmothers” <http://grandmotherscampaign.org/>
- ♀ Birth Control VICTORY!
- ♀ Jennifer will be absent for the next 2 ½ weeks

Next meeting – Thursday, November 23, 2017 AGM

Adjournment

Action Items

- ♀ Invite ORCC to attend post-vigil event

Committee updates and information posted here:

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