



Ottawa Regional Women's Committee

Thursday, May 24th, 2018

Light dinner at 5:00 pm 5:30 – 7:30 pm

233 Gilmour Ave.

Pat McGrath boardroom

Jennifer Keays, Chair

Grace Morgan, Alternate Chair

Carla Ross, Secretary

Louise Sicard, Treasurer

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

MINUTES
May 2018

Attendees:

- Megan Butterill
- Alison Houle
- Kira Turner
- Anna-Marie Melanson
- Christina Lamothe
- Louise Sicard
- Grace Morgan
- Carla Ross
- Jennifer Keays
- Renelle Chalifoux
- Anne-Marie Grondin
- Carol Agard

Welcome call to order 5:40

Changes, additions, and adoption of the agenda

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Financial report – Louise presented her report and it was accepted

Chair report – Nothing to report

Discussion during the meeting:

PSAC election results a few voiced their opinion that they were disappointed in the results and wanted a new voice. There was a healthy debate between the committee members.

NCR AGM – discussed the candidates a few women will be running

Resolution to permit the EQ committees to open their own bank accounts was ruled out of order, so we will accept the Pilot Bank Account

REVP – Greg McGillis discussed the upcoming AGM, and that there would be a reception at 3:30. There would be two candidates running for the Provincial elections, would speak. Greg would like to drop in now and then, if it is ok with the group, to answer any questions.

Christina followed up with the OWC which is now Alterna Bank, for the cost of a non-profit account.

Megan did speak about our resolution for sponsoring any women candidates and wanted to point out that there would be a cap of \$300.00 and it would be divided between those that submit an expense claim with the receipts. Also, that those submitting an expense should report back to this committee on their experience – what they thought of the election, what could be done next time to improve the results.

Megan and Ally suggested that the young people need to know what the message. They both attended the all candidates, PC didn't show.

Louise attended same debate, and thought the Green Party didn't know the party line was.

We discussed how an Activist is born. Several ways.

Should we book Jack Purcell now, or wait? Christina suggests to try a different venue, and will look into reserving the Happy Goat for a private function

We discussed the possibility of having a Women's Panel in the fall, around Oct. We will invite a few women to discuss their issue and how to move forward in Politics or the PSAC.

It was suggested to have a Paint Night in July or August.

The chair of the OAC (Renelle Chalifoux) spoke about a project in progress. Where members would attend the Debates for the Provincial Election and then report back to the PSAC on the Web. She also discussed the upcoming Labour Day Parade and would like participants to help with the planning.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 6th – we should start planning the event. Invite the Rape Crisis Centre. Is the other room beside the JK Wyle too small, or should we book Jack Purcell?

Please feel free to contact me, if you are aware of any events coming up, and the committee would be interested in. I can add them to our Agenda Item.

Priorities:

- ♀ Developing women leaders (e.g., Toastmasters speech craft)

Round table

- ♀ Great ideas from the group
- ♀ Invite speakers on women's issue Magali
- ♀ For the Human Rights event in December invite speakers from Women's Shelters to discuss the ongoing issues
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Next meeting – Thursday, Aug. 23rd., 2018

Adjournment

Action Items

Committee updates and information posted here:

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