

Ottawa Regional Women's Committee
September 24, 2015

Draft Minutes

Present:

Linda Koenders
Carrie Bolton
Yagusha Bodnar
Zelma Buckley
Sandra Bonaparte
Haley Millington

Staff: Elizabeth Woods

Regrets:

Amber Miller
Sara Cousins

1. Agenda

Due to the nature of the meeting – being prior to the Take Back the Night March - the Agenda and previous Minutes were not available.

2. Childcare

Elizabeth Woods brought in Childcare Pledge card and Stickers for the ORWC to distribute to the members. The pledge cards allow for the opening of a conversation on the different party platforms and the encouragement to use your vote to make a difference. Pledges should be returned to PSAC.

3. CREIA Study on Women's Careers within the Public Service

The CREIA study is close to completion and will be followed up with a presentation of the results and trends to those who participated. Further information to follow by email. A CREIA student is also soliciting further participants. A handout with details and contacts information was furnished.

4. Training

Elizabeth Woods reminded the group that the Stewards Symposium is coming up. The Union School Development Program this year will be focussing on Harassment and Racism. (and other forms of exclusion?)

Linda Koenders gave a very positive review of the Union Development Program which brings together people with all levels of experience, many areas and different job descriptions.

5. Election

Members are encouraged to sign up for canvassing spots on weekends and Wednesday nights. Register on the PSAC website.

6. Classical & Spiritual Concert on October 25th organized by Sandra Bonaparte. The ORWC is invited. Further details to follow by email.

7. Women's History Month – October 2015

The possibility of organizing for a speaker to give a talk was considered by the ORWC. The following possibilities were put forward:

- Diane Holmes – Counsellor, Ottawa Centre, Women's Issues
- Author of Women and Labour History – The author was well versed on Ottawa area women's historical issues.

To be followed by email.

8. Women's World March

The Women's World March is being held in Trois Rivières this year. There is a group that is renting a bus to go for the day soliciting the ORWC for a donation.

This was discussed by the ORWC; since there were funds a motion was put forward to support the Women's World March i.e. bus rental organization to go to Trois Rivieres. M/S/C Yagusha Bodnar/ Carrie Bolton/Carried Unanimously

9. Sisters in Spirit Manifestation

Will take place on Sunday October 4th, further details to be disseminated by email.

10. Upcoming November Elections

This is a reminder to all who wish to put forward changes to the bylaws, or who wish to put forward their candidature for the upcoming Elections.

11. Take Back the Night in March

Sandra Bonaparte announced that she has written a play and is considering staging it to coincide with the Take Back the Night in March. More information to follow.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

M/S/A Zelma Buckley, Sandra Bonaparte. Approved.