Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee AGM Minutes (Feb 23, 2023)

February 24, 2023

Minutes of the Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee AGM February 23, 2023

Attendance: Tasha Felix, Gloria Pfeifer, Lisa Leuty, Jodie Schafer, Jackie Maurice, Yu Ting Kuo

Meeting held by Zoom

- Land Acknowledgment and Harassment Statement
    - Acknowledged
- Review minutes of last meeting and accept
    - Minutes reviewed
- Review Agenda and accept
    - Reviewed and accepted
- Quick introductions of those in attendance
- Financial Report – Tasha
    - Bank balance (as of Dec 31, 2022): $ 853.14
    - Proposed budget for 2023: $ 412.00

- Discussion of ideas for future events
- Next meetings with suggested topics:
    - April 20th @4:30 – Sherry to be invited to provide info on how other regional committees work. Invite Nicole from Moontime Sisters
    - September 28th @4:30
    - November 16th @4:30
    - Other suggested groups to invite to present could be Prairie Harm Reduction; OUTSaskatoon; women's self-defense?; food security (Food Bank, Friendship Inn); clothing drives, etc.
- Election of New Executive
    - Chair – Jodie Shafer nominated and elected
    - Treasurer – Tasha Felix nominated and elected
    - Secretary – Lisa Leuty nominated and elected
    - All 3 completed the Oath of Office.
- Meeting Adjourned

Why Regional Women's Committees?

- **to inform and educate women** on the political, social, economic, and workplace issues that affect them;
- **to speak for women** with a strong, common voice and advocate policies that promote all women's rights;

- **to mobilize women** to participate in the union and take action on the issues;
- **to empower women** with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to exercise effective leadership;
- **to support women** through a network that links them to each other, to the union, and to the community; and
- **to work side by side with racialized & Aboriginal women, lesbians, bisexual & transgender women and women with disabilities** to advance **real equality** and make the PSAC an inclusive union.
- Regional Women's Committees make things happen. Some typical **projects and activities** might include:
    - conducting special education seminars and skills building workshops;
    - developing and distributing information leaflets sponsoring guest speakers;
    - publishing a Regional Women's Committee newsletter;
    - working with other community groups to hold conferences and issue forums;
    - sponsoring or participating in demonstrations, rallies, marches and other activities designed to focus public attention on important issues;

conducting strategy sessions to plan and coordinate support for collective bargaining demands and for convention resolutions;