**DRAFT – Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee Meeting Minutes: October 26, 2023

November 6, 2023

Attendance: Tasha Felix, Lisa Leuty, Jodie Schafer, Jacqueline Maurice, Gloria Pfeifer, Laura Westman, Chelsea Herman, Robin Walsh, Kaitlin Kostiuk, Madison Hawkes, Ashley Laplante, Julie Tench

Meeting held by Zoom

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- Land Acknowledgment and Harassment Statement
    - Acknowledged
- Review Agenda
- Reviewed and accepted
- Presentation by Prairie Harm Reduction – Julene Rawson

Can help support financially, but also through their Christmas hamper program (Carly, operations manager, **operations@prairiehr.ca**) or can do donations of diapers and formula (sizes 4-6); winter gear such as mitts, jackets, blankets, toques, scarves, hotpockets

Main number 306-242-5005; Family services (Julene) 306-270-9602

- Review minutes of last meeting

    - Minutes accepted
- Financial Update – Tasha
    - Bank balance $ 843.14
- Other business
- Tasha is going to try and host a packing party for feminine products for Moon Time Sisters
- Jodie updated on the Town Hall she attended. There are some more training coming up and folks can sign up **http://prairies.psac.com/courses/regional-committee-training-pan-prairie-virtual-course-2**
- Tasha will do up a poster to help spread the word to collect products for Prairie Harm Reduction for baby products and winter gear.
- Do we want to have Naloxone training in January through Prairie Harm Reduction?
- In person or maybe hybrid meetings? Might be good to have this start in the new year. Can also look at having the meetings at 5?
- Do we do monetary donations for the organizations that attend our meetings and do presentations. We don't always have it in the budget, but this year we should be able to provide a donation to Prairie Harm Reduction. The group agreed a donation of $100 to Prairie Harm Reduction.
- Next meetings with suggested topics:
    - November 23rd @4:30 Food Bank presentation
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:41pm

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.