Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2023

October 10, 2023

Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee Meeting Minutes - September 21, 2023

Attendance: Tasha Felix, Lisa Leuty, Jodie Schafer, Jacqueline Maurice, Ariel Alvarenga, Lucy Fadeyi, Laura Bishop, Chelsea Herman.

Meeting held by Zoom

- Land Acknowledgment and Harassment Statement
    - Acknowledged
- Review Agenda
    - Reviewed and accepted
- Quick introductions of those in attendance
- Review minutes of last meeting
    - Minutes reviewed – noted that meeting dates have changed since the meeting.
    - Minutes accepted as noted
- Other business

- Reminder that meeting dates have changed. Next meetings with suggested topics:
    - October 26th @4:30 – Presentation by Prairie Harm Reduction
    - November 23rd @4:30
- Financial Update – Tasha
    - Bank balance $ 845.14
    - Review of some of previous expenses such as donations to guest speakers. Such as the Sisters in spirit walk which is on October 4th this year at 4pm at City Hall.
    - At the next AGM we will discuss opportunities for action activities/donating
- Upcoming training – local executive training in October. (October 12th&13th) – Chelsea can attend.
- Workshop November 16th – 6-9pm – Laura can attend
- Other suggested presentations/groups to reach out to – Abortion is healthcare; Adelle House/Saskatoon Interval House
- Election of delegate and alternates for the Triennial convention May 26th-30th, 2024 (Ottawa)
- Delegate – Lisa nominated Tasha, seconded by Laura. Tasha Felix is acclaimed as the first delegate for the Triennial convention in May.
- First Alternate – Chelsea nominates Laura, seconded by Jodie. Laura is acclaimed as the first alternate.

- Second Alternate – Laura nominates Chelsea, seconded by Tasha. Chelsea Herman is acclaimed as the second alternate.
- Presentation by the Saskatoon Food Bank – will attempt to reschedule to the November 23rd
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:26pm

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;