Minutes of the Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee January 25, 2024

Attendance: Tasha Felix, Jodie Schafer, Jacqueline Maurice, Ariel Alvarenga, Dawn Montgrant, Gwen Schreiner, Katelynn Rodie, Shaina Ledoux

Meeting held by Zoom

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- Land Acknowledgment and Harassment Statement
    - Acknowledged
- Minutes will be emailed to the attendees following the meeting
- Minutes of last meeting were reviewed via email following last meeting and were accepted
- Agenda Adopted
- 2023 Financial Update and 2024 Budget Review – Tasha presented the 2023 financials and 2024 budget which was adopted by the committee.
- December 31, 2023, bank balance is $641.14.
- Ideas for upcoming events this year:
    - Drive for school supplies. Possible contacts for more information:White Buffalo Youth Lodge, Salvation Army (back to school supplies and school breakfast program), United Way Drive for School Supplies
    - In Prince Albert perhaps budget to raise awareness; try having a clothing drive for Stepping Stones – Women's Shelter in Prince Albert. Perhaps get a guest speaker
    - Have a clothing drive for Prairie Harm Reduction
    - Summer Snack Program- led by Area Council. Let them take the lead and we can support
    - Moontime Community Packing Party. Try to get guest speaker
- Other business
    - Dawn – suggested the SRWC look into electronic banking to save the $12 per year statement fees.
    - Dawn – reminded the committee that the PRC will be holding a Committee Reporting Information Session on February 1, 2024.
    - Jacqueline – PSAC Winter 2024 education schedule was sent out on January 11, 2024, please share with members. PSAC is looking for more participants or sessions may need to be cancelled.
    - Katelynn – inquired about a SRWC social media page. Tasha mentioned that one exists but unsure of who the administrator is.
    - Tasha – will be moving out of Saskatoon in Feb. Will stay on until a new Treasurer is found. Election can occur at AGM.
- AGM Meeting - Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:00pm. This may be a hybrid meeting (in person for those who can attend as well as virtual). When submitting the agenda, Jacqueline requested that we include a comment with the pre-register e-mail to see if there is any interest for an in-person meeting.

- Meeting Adjourned at 5:44 pm

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;