Minutes of the Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee AGM March 14, 2024

Attendance: Lisa Leuty, Tasha Felix, Jodie Schafer, Jacqueline Maurice (PSAC), Laura Westman, Madison Hawkes, Julie Tench

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, minus $2 for banking fees.

- Chair report – managed to get our 4 meetings in despite the strike early in the year. Had presentation from Prairie Harm Reduction and the Food Bank. Some other suggestions are Abortion is healthcare; Adelle House/Saskatoon Interval House. Had gathered some donations for Moon time Sisters in November, and the Sisters in Spirit Walk in October.
- Some feedback from the year-end review was to identify those in attendance as PSAC staff versus committee members as well as making sure the final minutes submitted to the PSAC office are not in draft form.
- Elections
  - All positions. Chair, Vice-Chair (optional), Treasurer and Secretary
  - Chair: Jodie Schafer
  - Vice-Chair: none
  - Treasurer: Laura Westman (interim)
  - Secretary: Lisa Leuty

  OATH OF OFFICE: "I ( ) having been elected an Officer of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, solemnly declare that for my term of office I shall abide by and uphold this Constitution, fulfil the duties of such office, will maintain and uphold the dignity of the Union and will always keep confidential all matters concerning the affairs of the union that are brought to my attention."

  Minutes will need to be taken into the bank (Affinity Credit Union on 22nd St E) to update the signing authorities with the new executive members.

- Other business

- School supply drive? Egadz has after school programs and for youth who can't attend mainstream school, and they take donations of school supplies (binders, backpacks, pencil cases and pencils), they could also make a presentation at a future meeting, we could set up a tour. The program manager, Amanda Griffiths, is available Tuesday to Friday 9am to 7pm and can give a facility tour or can come speak to our group. White Buffalo also has the same programming, but they do receive funding from the STC.
- Madison – works with the Saskatoon Abortion support network, running a consensus based decision making workshop in April if anyone is interested in attending. Madison will send info to Laura who can share it with the group.
- Future meetings – Need two more for this year. **Thursday May 9th at 5pm and Thursday October 24th at 5pm.**

- Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 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;