Minutes of the Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee September 12, 2024

Attendance: Lisa Leuty 40340 UNE (eligible to vote), Jodie Schafer 40802 CEIU (eligible to vote), Laura Westman 40024 UVAE (eligible to vote), Gwen Schriener 40023 UTE (eligible to vote), Dawn Montgrant 40195, Ariel Alvarenga 40818, Diane Pitzel UNDE 40801, Ashley Laplante 40170, Janette Husak 40195, Stasi L'Hirondelle 30025, Sherry Hunt

Meeting held by Zoom and at the PSAC regional office in Saskatoon.

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Land Acknowledgment and Harassment Statement

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Introductions
Minutes will be emailed to the attendees following the meeting

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed via email following last meeting. Motion made to adopt minutes from previous meeting from May 9, 2024 made by Gwen, seconded by Dawn. Minutes adopted.

Agenda modified to reflect the new presentation by Stepping Stones. Motion made to adopt agenda with changes made by Gwen, and Dawn seconded. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION – Stepping Stones – based out of Prince Albert. Jonas Beebe (Program Coordinator) presented on behalf of Stepping Stones. 24-hour emergency shelter with a total of 45 beds. Onsite income support twice a week. Once day a week there is an addictions councilor. There is also an Elder who attends once a week. They have to turn away people most nights due to capacity. They have staff on site at all hours to support clients. Donation drive – lack smaller clothing for men and women. Men's shirts, pants, underwear and shoes (size 10-12). Women's smaller and medium sizes. Shoe size 7-10. Warm outer clothing for winter, mitts, hats, blankets. Volunteers haven't been available due to high needs clients. Shelter started with 10 beds in 2010. In December 2023, it opened as a 24-hour emergency shelter not just a weather related shelter.

Financial report - Committee now in good standing. As of July 2024 $634.14. Last year a commitment was made to provide a donation to Prairie Harm Reduction, but the cheque didn't get written before the last reporting year ended. The cheque can be written this year.

Elections
Treasurer: No nominations made, Laura Westman will remain as interim Treasurer.

Updates Sisters in Spirit Walk – committee members have participated in the walk in the past and helped volunteer with refreshments, but we have been unable to find more info on this year's walk to date.

Moontime connections – usually do a campaign and packing party in November, but they are looking at changing the date. We have trying to confirm then the packing party will be. Once we have a date, Jodie will do up posters and send them out for members to share.

School drive July-August 2024. Posters were made up and sent out. Drop off was Jodie's office downtown. Good response for a first time drive and was well received. For next time we will ask for new items, rather than used and for monetary donations so the most needed items could be purchased.

Other business – Donation drive for Stepping Stones. We have $100 budgeted for the drive and Dawn recommends sending that as a straight donation so Stepping Stones can purchase what they need directly – Dawn will get an address to send the cheque. In addition, a poster can be developed to gather more items donated so they can be collected before the weather gets too cold – with a Prince Albert focus. Hopefully Marianne's office can do up the posters and send them out. Saskatoon can coordinate a similar drive for clothing for Prairie Harm Reduction. Coordination of the various drives with other committees will be done offline within the Executive members.

Regional Indigenous Circle meeting 5pm September 18th. Walk at Rotary Park at 12pm on September 30th in Saskatoon and at 10am and 3pm in Prince Albert.

Sherri Hunt – Pink Tax info is available on the PSAC website. Women's health and health advocacy workshop coming up –October 16-19, Registration deadline has been extended to September 17th.

Next meeting – October 24th **at 5pm.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 pm