

Minutes of the Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee AGM January 30, 2025

Attendance: Lisa Leuty(40340), Jodie Schafer (40802), Jacqueline Maurice (PSAC), Laura Westman (40024), Chelsea Herman (40161), Shauna Ward (40023), Jeanette Hawryliw (40802), Diane Pitzel (40801), Shaina Ledoux (40803), Gloria Pfeifer (40350), Dawn Montgrant (40195)

Special guest – Sherry Hunt, PRC Women's Rep

Meeting held in person and 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. Minutes have been adopted.
- Agenda reviewed. Changes include adding Sherry Hunt as a guest speaker. Agenda adopted as amended.
- Sherry Hunt – Offered congratulations to the group. Reminded the busy time coming up with financial deadlines, regional women's conference (deadline for submitting resolutions is February 17 th , 2025), AGMS, etc. Limited opportunities to send more participants to the women's conference as only 4 spots were available from the prairies. Challenge to showcase each women's committee that can be presented to the women's conference.
- 2024 Financial Update and 2025 Budget Review – Laura provided a Treasurer's report (see below).

RWC Treasurer's Report for 2024

- On January 1, 2024 the RWC had \$641.14 in the bank.
- This year the committee received \$650 from the REVP to carry out the work of our committee.
- I took over the role of treasurer after the 2024 RWC AGM on March 14, 2024.
- After reviewing the books and meeting minutes I discovered that the committee had voted to make a \$100 donation to Prairie Harm Reduction at the November 23, 2023 meeting but a cheque was never made out to the organization. We issued a cheque for \$100 to PHR in 2024 to honour the commitment that the committee made in 2023.

- For the fiscal year of 2024 year we gave donations totalling just under \$900 to 4 organizations that we worked with in the community. Egadz, Moon Time Connections and Prairie Harm Reduction in Saskatoon and Stepping Stones Shelter in Price Albert.
- The committee spent \$71.38 on expenses (refreshments) for our in person meetings.
- We donated 4 \$25 gift cards to Co-op as draw prizes at the December festive celebration that we held with the Saskatoon District Area Council and Young Workers Committee.
- It costs us \$1 per month to receive our bank statements so we always budget \$12/year for bank fees.
- The \$100 cheque sent to Prairie Harm Reduction, the \$200 cheque given to Moon Time Connections and the \$500 cheque sent to Stepping Stones Shelter had not been cashed by January 29, 2025. Each organization has been contacted to follow up on depositing their cheques.
- Our bank balance as of December 31, 2024 was \$909.71 with \$800 worth of outstanding cheques to be cashed. This means the true balance in the account is currently \$109.71
Proposed organizations for 2025 Budget (Proposed budget is in attached spreadsheet)
- We have the standing item of our banking costs at \$12 per month and we have once again budgeted \$240 for refreshments for in person meetings.
- Moon Time Connections and Iskwewuk Ewichiwitochik are organizations that we have donated to in the past. In concert with the donation, we have members volunteering for specific events with these organizations in the community.
- Prairie Harm Reduction is another organization we have donated to in the past. This year we plan to do a spring socks and underwear drive for the organization as these are some of the most needed items the organization has identified that they need.
- The Usask Menstrual Project is a new partnership for us. This is a group of university women who are seeking to end menstrual inequity in the community. We are hoping to partner with them as well as the Women's Committee from the USFA (University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association) to raise awareness of menstrual inequity and draw attention to other issues facing women in the community.

- This year we aim to participate in a Prairies wide initiative for Red Dress Day which is on May 5. Red Dress Day. We are requesting funds to purchase red dresses from thrift shops that we will then hang from trees in a park or other public space. The dresses could have laminated QR codes attached to them that would take people to a website with more information about the significance of Red Dress Day and MMIWG. If someone has suggestions for which website to use for the QR codes, please let us know.

Motion to accept financial update made by Laura, seconded by Chelsea. Financial update passed by the committee.

Suggestions/ideas for budget items for 2025. Diane's local did a toy and clothing drive for Kids Haven House (formerly the Crisis Nursery) for the holidays. They collected items as well as made donations. Propose supporting a women's shelter or other organization supporting domestic violence, or we could work with Kids Haven House. Sanctum 1.5 is a home for HIV positive women with their babies

Proposal made to allocate \$200 to a women's support organization such as Haven House to this year's budget by Diane. Accepted by the committee.

Dawn proposed adding a budget commitment of \$500 to a Prince Albert community organization, similar to last year. One suggestion is the Northern Birthday Box Project.

Additional increase to Moon Time Connections for shipping since that is where the money is most needed, increasing the amount by an additional \$300.

Total increase to proposed budget is \$1,000.

Motion to accept proposed 2025 budget as amended, made by Laura, seconded by Shaina. Budget passed by the committee with proposed changes.

- Chair Report presented by Jodie. Summary of activities carried out by the committee in 2024.

- Had 5 meetings this year. We are now having hybrid meetings for your convenience.

Presentations were given by Egadz and Stepping Stones.

- We gathered school supplies for Egadz at the end of summer, menstrual products for Moontime Connections in November, and clothing for Stepping Stones and Prairie Harm Reduction. We had members participate in: *the Sisters in Spirit Walk in October *Assisting with

Area Region Council for their float in the Pride Parade *Attending the Moontime Connections packing party. For the coming year we'd like to see continued presence in the community.

- From the Regional Women's Committee Townhall on Jan 14 some reminders : Prairie Region Women's Conference March 5 - 9, Winnipeg the deadline to apply to go is now closed. 160 applicants and 60 spots PSAC National Women's Conference Nov 21 - 25 in Toronto. Call out to come. All committee Summit May 2-3. Call out coming soon. Each committee will be able to send 2 members, preferably the Treasurer and President.

- Elections

- o All positions. Chair, Vice-Chair (optional), Treasurer and Secretary

- o Nominations for Chair for one year term: Laura proposed Jodie Schafer. Diane seconded. Shaina would like to nominate Chelsea. Dawn seconded. Chelsea declined to have her name stand. Jodie Schafer accepted and elected by acclamation.

- o Nominations for Vice-Chair one year term: Laura nominated Shaina Ledoux. Seconded by Jodie. Shaina nominates Laura Westman, seconded by Dawn. Laura declines nomination. Shaina accepted and elected by acclamation.

- o Nominations for Treasurer for one year term: Lisa nominates Laura Westman, seconded by Shaina. Laura accepted and elected by acclamation.

- o Nominations for Secretary for one year term: Laura nominated Lisa Leuty, seconded by Shaina. Lisa accepted and elected by acclamation.

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 22 nd St E)

to update the signing authorities with the new executive members.

- Next Meetings – upcoming meetings. March 27 th at 5pm (discuss an Easter fundraising drive for socks and underwear and who would be going to the all committee meeting in early May, and the Red dress event on May 5 th); September 18 th at 5pm (September 30 th and Sisters in Spirit Walk on Oct 4; select representative for the national women’s conference November 21-23); November 6 th at 5pm (holiday drives/activities)
- Other business – upcoming women’s conferences. Some committee members attended the open house.
- Motion to adjourn made by Laura. Meeting Adjourned at 6:21pm

Saskatoon Regional Women's Committee BUDGET REQUEST 2025			
	AMOUNT REQUESTED	LOSS OF SALARY If required, please indicate # of hours in total per event	SWAG Y or N
EXPENSES			
Meeting Expenses			
(detail specifics such as room rental, food costs, conference calls, etc. on separate lines)			
Food costs	\$240.00		
Donations*			
Moon Time Connections Packing Party	\$500.00		
Prairie Harm Reduction Socks & Underwear Drive	\$200.00		
Iskwewuk Ewichiwitochik - Sister in Spirit Walk	\$500.00		
Usask Menstrual Project	\$100.00		
A Prince Alberta based charity that the women who live in that community choose to support with their volunteerism	\$500.00		

Event/Project Expenses**			
Red Dress Day	\$50.00		
Christmas fund raiser for charity that helps women and children who are survivors of domestic violence	\$200.00		
Other			
Monthly Printing Fees	\$12.00		
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$2,302.00	0.0	
Balance Available at December 31, 2024	\$109.71		
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2025	\$2,192.29		
*Please indicate if donations are ongoing or new.			

****All events/projects require an estimated breakdown of costs** before it can be considered. Breakdown should include categories such as room rental, food, registration fees, supplies, travel, etc. Breakdown can be specified below or on a separate sheet.

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Red Dress Day - funds to purchase second hand red dresses to hang in trees in a park or other public space (the Regina RWC proposed this as a project we do prairies wide). Would like to attach laminated QR codes to the dresses that take people to a website with information about Red Dress day (suggestions on the best website would be welcome!)

The women in the group who are based in Prince Albert asked for \$500 that can be put towards a TBA charity that they will partner with this year. Members will contribute volunteer time to this charity in the community. An example of a possible charity would be the Northern Birthday Box project

Diane P volunteered to coordinate a Christmas season donation drive/fundraiser for a community organization that helps women and children who are survivors of domestic violence, an example being Haven House (formerly the Crisis Nursery)