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WESTMAN AND AREA REGIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

February 17, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Remote - Zoom

In Attendance: Alicia Zurba CEIU 50754

Gelina Alton UNDE 50704

Jen Chelkowski UNDE 50704

Leifa Misko UNE 50140

Hannah Morris USJE 50057

Stella Akomolafe USJE 50057

Tracy Thor, PSAC Staff

Alicia Zurba, Chair of the meeting, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Alicia made a Land Acknowledgement, encouraged us to use an excellent website resource native-land.ca; recognizing it as an excellent resource to explore as we process on how to go through our own reconciliation on Turtle Island.

Tracy Thor agreed to be the Harassment Intervener.

Adoption of Agenda – agreed to leave 2026 Budget Request line.

Motion: Accept the revised agenda. Motion Hannah Morris, seconded by Gelina Alton. Passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes from January 8, 2026 have been posted.

Motion: Meeting minutes from January 8, 2026 be adopted as presented. Motion to accept by Hannah Morris, seconded by Jenifer Chelkowski. Passed unanimously. No concerns or edits.

Treasurer's Report: 2025 Financial Statement was presented. Bank balance Dec 31, 2025 \$842.25; however there is a deposit (\$300.00) and 4 cheques (\$288.90, \$500.00, \$18.00, \$150.67) made at the beginning of 2026, which covers income/expenses from 2025. Financial Statement and Transactional Log has been adjusted to reflect for submission to PSAC. Financial statement has been audited by 2 non-members.

Motion: to accept Gelina Alton, seconded by Hannah Morris. Passed unanimously.

Currently there is \$473.58 in the bank, however after outstanding cheques are cashed the ending bank balance will be \$184.68.

2026 Budget Request

Meetings	\$360.00
Together We Thrive Drive	\$750.00
Take Back the Night	\$0.00
Strength in Me YWCA	\$500.00
Holiday Tree Auction – United Way	\$3,000.00
Administration Expenses	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$4,710.00
Less ending bank balance	\$184.68
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Total ask	\$4,525.32

Together We Thrive Drive – discussion to run the drive in June, to help fire evacuees. There is an increased worry that the fire pressure will be high this year. Stella mentioned last year that the United Way provided clothing items, snacks and food. The YMCA opened their facilities every week for kids to use so they have something to do. We discussed the possibility of sponsoring an evening for evacuees (activity/swim evening). Gelina will connect with Kim at Women’s Centre to get a gauge on how many may use services and need help. Hannah will talk to United Way to confirm supports.

Holiday Tree Auction - \$3000.00 – rough break down for use of funds: 4 supper tickets at \$30.00 each - \$120.00, gifts - \$1,000.00, décor for tree - \$300.00, tree auction - \$1,580.00.

Motion: to accept Budget Request Gelina Alton, seconded by Stella Akomolafe. Passed unanimously.

There was discussion of other events, but it was decided we could ask for an amendment to the budget if another event is decided on.

Elections:

Chair: 1 year term

Nomination: First call: Alicia Zurba **Motion:** Gelina Alton, Seconded: Hannah Morris

Second Call: no one Third Call: no one Nomination Closed

Alicia accepted the nomination. Acclaimed.

Vice-Chair: 1 year term

Nomination: First call: Jenifer Chelkowski **Motion:** Alicia Zurba, Seconded: Leifa Misko

Second Call: no one Third Call: no one Nomination Closed

Jen accepted the nomination. Acclaimed.

Secretary: 2 year term

Nomination: First call: Leifa Misko **Motion:** Gelina Alton, Seconded: Stella Akomolafe
Second Call: no one Third Call: no one Nomination closed.

Leifa accepted the nomination. Acclaimed.

Treasurer: 2 year term

Nomination: First call: Gelina Alton **Motion:** Hannah Morris, Seconded: Leifa Misko
Second Call: no one Third Call: no one Nomination closed.

Gelina accepted the nomination. Acclaimed.

Round table: Leifa mentioned the PSAC Women's Educational Event on March 7th in Brandon; it sounds like a good event. Hannah mentioned adding Stella to the Westman Women's WhatsApp group. Gelina mentioned a pamphlet she received – Project Smoke from the Survivors Hope Crisis Centre. It may be something we want to explore in the future. Jen and Alicia no other updates.

Upcoming Events: None

Next Meeting Date: not set

Adjourn: 7:07 pm