

RWC Minutes
June 29, 2005
YEU Boardroom

In Attendance: Jo-Anne Smith, YEU Y010 Sylvie Leonard, YEU Y010 Nancy Debreceni, Staff
 Sue Christianson, YEU Y010 Joanne Oberg, YEU Y010 Melissa Craig, YEU Y013
 Shirley Hill, YEU Y010

Meeting chaired by Jo-Anne Smith

May 30/05 Minutes approved

Tres. Report - balance \$4,123.98

- \$1000, 2005 Core budget approved and funding received and deposited

Actions since last meeting:

- Participated in Relay for Life cancer fundraiser – won best costume (thanks Jo-Anne)
- Letter to Pat Daws – re 'Respectful Workplace Training'
- Letter to Pat Daws – re gender/equity considerations for YTG Leadership training selections
- Letter to Premier Fentie – re Northern Strategy
- Letter to Elaine Taylor – calling for Arntzen resignation
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Correspondence:

- Response from Pat Daws re 'Respectful Workplace Training'
- Suzette Montreuil - Approval of 2005 Budget

-Political Action

-Sylvie gave report from Yukon Area Council meeting. Area Council waiting to take lead from RWC on actions around call for Arntzen's resignation. After much discussion on possible actions, RWC will write another letter to Premier Fentie and Minister Taylor with a cc to Letter to Editor. Melissa will work with Maureen and also draft letter from Area Council. As well Melissa and Nancy will check with other women's organizations to coordinate actions. Article highlighting amount earned since conviction (taxpayer dollars) will be submitted for Women's page in newspaper.

-Sylvie also reported Yukon Area Council looking at planting a tree (with memorial plaque) each year in various communities in honour of workers who lost their lives while at work and - Area Council is offering to sponsor entertainment and tent for Y010 Feed the People BBQ on Sept 1. -Yukon Area Council had booth for National Aboriginal Day in Rotary Park – bottled water and great t-shirts given out. (went quickly)

-RWC wish to congratulate Diane Allen and PSAC Pride Committee on their very successful Anti-Homophobia Day rally held on June 1. RWC is pleased Bill C-38 (Same-Sex Marriage) passed through the House of Commons and that all 3 northern territories MPs voted in favour.

Schedule Meeting with Pat Daws – to discuss 'Respectful Workplace Training' and gender and equity consideration in training opportunities -- attempt to schedule next week or will have to wait until August due to vacations.

- Review PSAC 'Make Poverty History' Social Justice Initiatives

- Proposal from Melissa Craig – Yukon Anti-Poverty coalition. Melissa recently compiled Yukon women's poverty stats. Melissa to draft a proposal to have results published in pamphlet and distributed jointly by RWC and Anti-Poverty Coalition (possibly for IWD March 8). Final proposal to be approved by emergency meeting or via email before submitting for consideration by PSAC's Social Justice campaign.

- Support for Hay River hospital sisters - Jo-Anne reported on announced cuts and layoffs of 9 nurses from Hay River hospital. RWC will contact Vivian Stevely with message of solidarity and offer of any support we might be able to provide.

-Cookbook sales update Sylvie and Betty had successful booth at noon hour at Elijah Smith building. Sales going well with break even now reached. 2 boxes left to sell – copies available at Union Hall or from any RWC member.

Around 300 great recipes for only \$15.00

-Invitation from Dawson RWC - waiting for response to joint meeting dates

Next Meeting to be scheduled in September. Reminder to be sent out prior.