

RWC Minutes
May 17, 2007
5—6:30pm YEU Boardroom

In Attendance:

Jo-Anne Smith, YEU Y010
Sue Christianson, YEU Y010
Nancy Debreceeni, PSAC

Kait Dinunzio YEU, Y010 via phone
Carol Oberg, YEU Y017

Chaired by: Jo-Anne Smith

Jan 8/07 RWC Minutes reviewed and approved

Tres. Report - Balance - \$2358.84 (May 15/07)

- including \$1,400.00 deposit (Yukon Area Council, \$750.00 – YEU, \$400 Y010 towards Bare Essentials)
- includes expenses (\$1,482.64 IWD Bare Essentials for Yukon shelters, \$500.00 Victoria Faulkner –women in poverty lunches/supplies for weekly Wed. networking lunches, \$100 complimentary IWD tickets – Roll Your Own Sushi)
- includes \$410 donation towards printing Keep Equality on Track from YAC – invoice paid for \$477.
- outstanding \$1,100 payment from reserves towards Scarlet Letter training
- 2006 Year End report

DRAFT 2007 Budget Proposal reviewed and recommended for submission to Jean-François

Correspondence:

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| - Tamara Ohlin | Report CLC Winter School – Women in Leadership |
| - Victoria Faulkner | Update on Landlord Tenant Act letter |
| -Victoria Faulkner / YSW | media advisory –BC – re SWC cuts |
| -Yukon Status of Women | Presentation to Parliamentary Standing Cttee |
| - Women's Directorate | Notice – Self-Advocacy for Women in Legal system workshop
– Mar 17-18 |
| -NDP | Equality Report |
| -Ex Communication Officer /PM | Response to RWC letter on Cuts to SWC |
| -Jean-François | Update –Suzette health |
| -Larry Bagnell/MP | Re: Cuts to SWC |
| -Victoria Faulkner/Les EsentEilles | IWD Invitation – Roll Your Own Sushi fundraiser |
| -Victoria Faulkner/LesEsenteilles | request for volunteers |
| -Jo-Anne Smith / YEU EO Rep | News release – Cda's statement on the UN Commission on
Status of Women |
| -Yukon Women's Directorate | Info on Human Trafficking |
| -She Bullies | Thank you and copy of brochure dealing with girl to girl
bullying sponsored by RWC |
| -Jean-François | Response to 'Put Equality Back on Track' proposal |
| -Women's Directorate | various notices/info re women's events |
| -Judy Wasylycia-Leis | NDP Budget Review |

Actions Since Last Meeting:

- Letter to PSAC North Ed. Cttee. requesting consideration for Women At Work course
- Participated in PSAC National Women's rep conference call re SWC
- Women's Org. meeting – input in Yukon Status of Women presentation to Parliamentary Standing Cttee on Status of Women Canada program –Thanks Sue
- Support Vagina Monologues

- Proposal for National 'Put Equality Back on Track' campaign – flyer produced and distributed (Thanks to Yukon Area Council for additional funding support)
- Letter to MP requesting support for Anti-Scab leg
- Letter of condolence and support sent re farm women killed in BC – thanks Kait
- IWD donations to Shelters /Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre – Thanks Diane for shopping and YEU, YEU Local Y010 and Yukon Area Council for generous funding
- RWC represented at planning meeting and rally re slum lords/ landlord tenants act – thanks Carol
- Participated in Yukon women's Organizations update on Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan update –thanks Sue
- Support and planning for upcoming Scarlet Letter training for women living in poverty
- Represented RWC in planning meeting (with Yukon women's organizations) for upcoming Governor General's visit – thanks Sue

Old Business:

- Child Care – Nancy to contact Yukon Childcare Assoc. on status and support needed re: recent debates in Yukon leg.
- Meeting with Premier, Minister Responsible for Women's Directorate, Director of Women's Directorate, Public Service Commissioner –Nancy to arrange meetings for early fall to maintain dialog and raise union women's concerns
- Scarlet Letter training – as per action budget proposal, training is scheduled for May 22 for Service Providers and Allies followed by full day training on self advocacy for women living in poverty or homelessness. Thanks to YEU for facility and Yukon Status of Women for coordinating.

New Business:

- Governor General Visit,
 - Sue reported on planning meeting for scheduled June 18 afternoon meeting with Yukon Women's organizations. The intent is an informal round table discussion with Governor General (who has an interest in grassroots women's struggles) to inform on issues facing Yukon women, a bit of history and an opportunity for her to share her knowledge of women's experiences and successes across Canada –an opportunity for new ideas/ best practices and possible networking.
 - RWC to start gathering info for their input
 - RWC to select interested representatives once number are verified– Kait and Carol expressed interest + Nancy if extra seat
- Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan for Yukon
 - Sue and Kait gave brief overview. While plan is holistic and looks great, concern raised that costs for such a plan and provision for partnerships will require vigilant monitoring to avoid downloading vital portions to 3rd parties and the old issues of accountability and adequate funding.
- National and Northern Regional Women's Conference
 - Nancy reported Marija has been assigned staff lead
 - Jo-Anne to send email to Jean-François with cc to Les expressing urgency in planning and communications
 - RWC to start identifying priorities and possible resolutions – via email
- Next meeting
 - With warmer weather and conflicting priorities RWC to meet via email and schedule next meeting in early July – date TBA

Remember, bring someone new to the next meeting- all PSAC women welcome