

-Invitation from Assoc. Franco-Yukonnaise to participate in planning of March 21 event – Elijah Smith Bldg

- Sylvie to call

-Info re March 8 and March 21 resource sites See the following websites on the subject of these two special days:

www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/women/womday97.htm

www.internationalwomensday.com/default.asp

www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/iwd/index_e.html

www.pch.gc.ca/march-21-mars/index_e.cfm

www.ceiu-seic.ca/page_1706.cfm

- Yukon College IWD – March 8 --2:30-3pm outside Arts & Science

-Yukon College International Day for the Elimination of Racism – speaker + request for funding

- Members encouraged to attend and Nancy to contact Diney to suggest request be made to Yukon Area Council as RWC funds are very limited.

-Political Action

-Sylvie reported on the Federal election issues campaign -- Area Council and PSAC North.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates and responses published. Childcare was one of the issues.

- The Yukon Area Council also purchased and delivered \$500 worth of bare essentials to Kaushee's (see PSAC North website for pic and more details) www.psnorth.com

-2006 Whitehorse RWC Executive

Chair- The RWC sisters wish Maureen Stephens a speedy recovery and will confirm if health concerns will allow her to continue her excellent work as chair before next meeting. In mean time thanks to Sue for stepping in.

Tres. – The cttee. welcomes Jo-Anne Smith's offer to continue as Treasurer

Yukon Area Council RWC Rep. - Best wishes to Kim Paradis for agreeing to represent the Whitehorse RWC on the Area Council and thanks to Sylvie Leonard (now Secretary for Area Council) for a job well done.

PSAC North Whitehorse RWC Rep. - The cttee. also welcomes Jo-Anne Smith's offer to continue as their rep on the council.

-Old Business

-Copperbelt By-election – congratulations on Maureen's great showing

– great job on representing the issues.

-YTG/other employer Respectful Workplace Training

- Letter to be drafted and sent to all employers of Yukon PSAC members explaining this priority and offering to meet to discuss further.

-Make Poverty History campaign update

– Melissa reported that joint funding proposal from PSAC Solidarity funds in the amount of \$1,374. has been received and deposited in RWC account for administration. Initial clay art project has been well received with all available spaces filled. Completed collective of tiles will be visual message -- Yukon women and poverty. This is one portion of an ongoing year long joint project with plans to include community women, statistical surveys and photo messages from women living in poverty. Group is waiting to hear if approved Federal funding will still be available with new govt.

-Also check out window display at Mac's Fireweed – thanks Melissa

-Proposals for action budget reserve Northern Regional Women's Conference budget

-Discussion came up with recommendation that available funds be divided between active RWCs in North with proposals to meet the conference guidelines.

-Strategies for PSAC National Triennial Convention -- getting resolutions passed at Nat. Women's Conf. passed

-Recommendation that request for Pan north women's caucus be made for PSAC North council pre-triennial meetings. Suzette will pass request on to Jean-François

-RWC will make further plans once convention package/resolutions are available.

-Cookbook sales

– Sue has offered to take lead on setting up sales booth at PSAC National convention with assistance from other cttee. members in attendance.

-Bare Essentials Campaign (order for underwear, shampoo, deodorant, slippers, lip balm, hair brushes to be distributed to Yukon women's shelters for IWD)

-Volunteers will meet to divide order between Yukon women's shelters over lunch hour –as soon as it arrives. If interested in helping – leave name with Nancy 667-2331

-NEW Business

-Priorities for 2006

-Upcoming territorial and municipal elections

-RWC welcomes your input on issues to be raised with the candidates – More strategies to be discussed when election is called

- Respectful Workplace campaign

– to continue and include all employers

- Collective Bargaining

- RWC will research best language to be submitted for consideration for upcoming contract negotiations –with focus on mandatory respectful workplace education and restorative follow up, ensure language includes transgender members, language around all forms of violence including bullying or psychological harassment, and focus on addressing issues of on call auxiliaries, immigrant workers, and older women and any other emerging issues identified.

- Make Poverty History

– Develop proposal for joint action to bring awareness of poverty and Yukon women along with actions to correct. Will likely be action identified as follow up action for Northern Regional Conf.

-RWC to follow up on issues arising from Canada Winter Games – all leave being cancelled and childcare availability or forced shut down, etc.

Next Meeting March 28, 2006 5pm YEU's Dave Hobbis Boardroom