

RWC Minutes

Mar. 28, 2006

5pm

YEU's Dave Hobbis Boardroom

In Attendance:

Kim Paradis, YEU Y025	Sylvie Leonard, YEU Y010
Diane Allen, YEU Y023	Melissa Craig, YEU Y012
Sue Christianson, YEU Y010	Joanne Oberg, YEU, Y010
Marija Babic, PSAC Admin Assistant	

Attendance by phone:

Maureen Doherty, NEU	
Nancy Debreceni, PSAC Regional Rep	Suzette Montreuil, AREVP

Regrets: Jo-Anne Smith

Chaired by Sue Christianson

Feb. 28, 2006 RWC Minutes reviewed and approved

Tres. Report -

- Bank balance not available at this meeting
- outstanding -approx. \$1,500 (order + shipping) for Yukon Women's Shelters (from Bargains Group – includes, underwear, shampoo, slippers, deodorant, lip balm, hair brushes – to be distributed on IWD)
- waiting for 2006 funding
\$20,436 left over from regional women's conference. The funds would stay in regional budget and must be accessed through the regional office; actual funds would not be sent to each territory. This amount is a total for the 3 territories, to divide it evenly or overall projects in budget for north?

Actions since last meeting:

- \$100 donation and participated in IWD celebration at United Church
 - o Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre IWD celebration– United Church – March 4
 - RWC made \$100 contribution to event, Shawna Dalley attended, only 10 attended, many other events on also.
- Successful Make Poverty History session with expressions of pottery project on Mar. 4th
- March 21st – Les Essentials – Human Rights Day – the beverages were provided by RWC & YEU. Les Essentials are interested in future projects with the Whse RWC.
- Distribution of bare essentials to Yukon Women's Shelters on IWD
 - o This was done – thanks to all who helped
- Letter of support – Yukon Child Care Assoc (YCCA) Survey sent to Premier Fentie & Brad Cathers, Minister of Health
- Memo sent to contact network requesting assistance in collecting individual letters of support of YCCA survey
- Research started best language collective bargaining proposals – thanks Vince and Laurie in PSAC Collective Bargaining
- Jo-Anne, Sylvie, Nancy met with A/ Director – Women's Directorate, Margot Siminot – introduction and priorities

Correspondence:

- Invitation to March 16 Victoria Faulkner St. Patrick's luncheon
- City of Whitehorse response – respectful workplaces

-Elect / Confirm Chair

- Discussed, Sue agrees to be acting chair until someone else can take this on. Sue doesn't have the time to do this, welcomes others to take on this opportunity. Email to be sent to regular distribution list asking for volunteer.

-OLD BUSINESS

-YTG/other employer Respectful Workplace Training

- to continue and include all employers - Letters re Respectful Workplaces sent to: YTG, City, Whitehorse General Hospital, response from City of Whitehorse – March 17 – states that City of Whse is committed to having a respectful workplace & that they have policies & practices in place to ensure this. No other letters have been received

-Make Poverty History campaign update – Successful Make Poverty History session with Expression of Poverty in Clay Poster & Registration Form (jointly sponsored by RWC) on March 4th

- -Melissa reported event was well received and all available spots filled – 14 showed up (20 signed up) – child care worker was available but no children attended. 16 projects were done, (still need more work – firing, glazing, etc.) Most participants stayed on the poverty theme. Looking at having the projects completed by Oct. 17th & to display at Zola's. All that participated wanted it to be done again. Approx. 5 from lower poverty – look at ways to include more lower poverty participants in future. Melissa to submit a report to RWC & may ask for further funding if needed.

- Social Justice Fund –Melissa to submit once bills have all been submitted.

- Letter to Premier, H&S Minister re Fed Child Care Agreement - no response yet – another letter to be sent asking for response

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

- Poverty issues – anti poverty coalition
- Teen/Dating violence YWCA in NWT did this – check with them. Also work with BYTE & Kaushees and their workshops on “Health Relationships”
- Food bank/ food drive – check with religious organizations as they already do this – partner with them or do one at a different time.
- Co-operative kitchens – also creates a network. Contact Bonnie at Victoria Faulkner's & Pat McKenna at FH Collins high school & dietician at hospital

-Strategies for PSAC National Triennial Convention - Resolutions are now available online – encourage all to review them

- Funding decision (2005 national reserve)

- Sending a member to CLC Women's Conference – Theme – “Fighting the Blues”– deadline May 23rd. Registration \$250, Hotels \$150 ea. night. Cost out sending a member to CLC Conference – what portion will PSAC fund/subsidize? Suzette to get back to us with this figure. Also Suzette to get back on whether Iqaluit RWC is in good standing.

- Motion :

The national funding that was left over from the Regional Women's Conference is to be divided evenly between the regions RWC's that are in good standing. Each region will ensure that this funding is spent in accordance with the action plan that came from the Regional Women's Conference, including sending member(s) to the CLC Women's Conference in June 2006.

Sue/Melissa/carried

SPECIAL NOTE - (members from all 3 regions participated in this vote)

- Other funding suggestions: building coalitions, Child Care, Anti-Poverty, Teen Dating Violence. RWC's are to meet & decide as soon as possible about whether they would be sending member(s) to the CLC Conference and what to spend this funding on. Once decided, this information is to be shared with other regional RWC's and Suzette before the next RWC meeting of April 18th.

- Canada Winter Games (CWG) – different leave for different departments – YEU dealing with various issues, advise YEU if new issues arise.

-NEW BUSINESS

-Priorities for 2006

-upcoming territorial and municipal elections

- Kim will be attending an Area Council meeting on March 30th and report back next meeting. No election date set yet for territorial or municipal elections. Some issues are: housing, landlord/tenant changes needed.

-Strategies for PSAC National Triennial Convention

- waiting for confirmation of women's caucus meeting in Toronto

-National Childcare program campaign

-Coordinate actions with Yukon women's organizations

- a meeting will be scheduled with Margot Siminot, Women's Directorate.

-Report on Yukon Women's Forum – YACWI & WD partnered – RWC to send a “Thank you” letter and asking that it become an annual event,

- Kim Paradis & Tracy English attended this and report that this was well attended and a very informative useful forum. It was good to see that many women from smaller communities attended;

85-90% were FN, ages 15-80. (1 page written report submitted by Kim). Kim also shared a binder that she received with lots of useful information.

-Best language – Collective Bargaining – Sylvie has information from Regional Women's Conference regarding violence that she will share with RWC. Nancy has been working on this.

Next Meeting April 18, 2006 5pm YEU's Dave Hobbis Boardroom