

RWC Minutes
August 2, 2007
5—7:00pm YEU Boardroom

In Attendance:

Jo-Anne Smith, YEU Y010 (via phone)
Sue Christianson, YEU Y010
Nancy Debreceeni, PSAC

Tamara Ohlin YEU, Y010
Carol Oberg, YEU Y017

Chaired by: Sue Christianson

May 17/07 RWC Minutes reviewed and approved

Tres. Report - Balance - \$1,258.84

- Still waiting for 2007 core funding from REVP ofc.

Correspondence:

- June 8 GG ofc. Invitation to Dinner and Living Together Discussion meeting
- July 5 MP L Bagnell response to cc of Letter to Minister Prentice
- July 12 Correspondence Div Acknowledging letter to Minister re restrictions on additional funding to address violence against Aboriginal women
- July 20 A/Commanding Officer RCMP Response to letter re Angel Carlick disappearance

Actions Since Last Meeting:

- June 17 RWC represented at GG Dinner by Kait, Carol and Nancy
- June 18 RWC represented at Living Together discussion meeting w/ GG by Kait, Carol and Nancy
- July 3 Letter of support sent for Young Women Exploring Trades Conference
- July 3 Letter sent to Minister of INAC re restrictions on additional funding to address violence against Aboriginal women
- July 20 Open letter to Commanding Officer RCMP re Angel Carlick disappearance

Old Business:

- Contact Yukon Child Care Assoc. re status of funding , Schedule meetings with Women's Directorate and Public Service commissioner – as per last meeting to be followed up in fall

New Business:

- Planning for 2007 Northern Regional Women's Conference Jo-Anne Smith as Whitehorse rep on Steering Committee requested input for the following:
 - Theme – to be determined following input from other RWCs
 - Workshop Topics- After much discussion RWC was leaning towards Building More Effective RWCs in the North w/ focus on:
 - Building links with community allies
 - Strategies for Dealing w/ the Issues
 - Key issues – Insecurity and 2 tier standards resulting from growing trend towards temporary, casual and part time work - greater impact on women, youth and older workers and making it more fair for those who wish non-standard hours
 - Making respectful workplaces a priority – strategies for preventing workplace violence including bullying and recognizing psychological injuries
 - Diversity analysis and building inclusiveness
 - Workplace Childcare – initiatives to make them a reality
- Guest Speakers -suggestions include Maude Barlow, Libby Davis and contact Toronto RWC for suggestions
- Memorabilia -Discussion on value of having visible Northern solidarity

Host

-Suggest same coloured t-shirts (short or long sleeved) with 3 pieces or one piece of art incorporating 3 territories with focus or symbolism of northern women strength and sisterhood to be screen printed on front or back.

-Would like to see the conference continue with suggestion each participant bring \$20 gift exchange item –local item or art piece (not made in China trinket)

-Would like to see past practice of bringing items from component or community for draws

-Suggest check with Toronto RWC and community events calendar for possible group outing – dinner, theatre, cultural or recreation event

-Selection of Whitehorse RWC delegate to the National Women's Conference:

The Whitehorse RWC selected Tamara Ohlin as their delegate along with Alternates in following order: Carol Oberg, Kait Dinunzio, Sue Christianson

-Discussion on possible Resolutions to submit to National Women's Conference. Would like to see resolutions developed to have PSAC place priority on addressing the issue of: Temporary and non-secure work, ensuring respectful workplaces, diversity lens on all PSAC activities for more inclusiveness and initiatives to ensure workplace childcare - including necessary research on impacts and possible solutions. Will work on wording and adopt via email before submitting by Sept 7th deadline.

Next meeting TBA

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