**PSAC EDMONTON REGIONAL WOMEN’S COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 08, 2016**

**In Attendance:**

Charmaine Nelson Chair Karoline Klug A/Regional PSAC Rep

Darlene Lewis Vice Chair Kim Cardinal

Dragana Ristivojevic Secretary Patty Jessome

Kim Haynes Treasurer (phone) Bhupinder Johal

Nina Babcook A/Regional PSAC Rep Mildred Ncube

**Regrets:**

Deborah Basaraba Chelsea Key

Gulnar Dhalwani

**9.1** **Call to Order:**  Meeting was called to order by Charmaine at 5:36 pm. Charmaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and there were introductions of members.

**9.2 Agenda:** Agenda was approved and all were in agreement.

**9.3 Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes from November 10, 2016 were accepted.

**9.4 Reports:**

**i. Chair:**

**Tools for School**. On December 14, 2016, there will be a presentation at the school. Marianne Hladun authorized 15 paid work hours for five sisters to attend the presentation. The committee will decide in 2017 whether we still want to do a community garden event.

**PSAC Northern Alberta Women’s Seminar**. This seminar was held on December 03 & 04, 2016 which focused on Domestic Violence in the Workplace with very strong motivational speakers who spoke on politics and law, programs, economic empowerment and membership engagement. A huge thank you to all the contributors who donated silent auction items which helped make it a success. All of the proceeds from the Silent Auction went to a local women’s shelter. Special thanks went to Marianne Hladun, Nina Babcook and Karoline Klug who supported us in planning this event.

**Candle Vigil**. The vigil was held by a small group of sisters held at Churchill Square to remember the 14 fallen female university students attending the Polytechnique in Montreal. Framed pictures of the 14 young university students was displayed on a table. Candles were lit and we walked around Churchill Square. Fourteen roses were handed out to passerby’s along with an explanation of why we were out there and the importance of December 06, 2016.

**ii. Vice Chair’s Report**. Report will be made available at the next meeting.

**iii. Secretary’ Report.**

**Position as Secretary.** Dragana found it to be challenging to record minutes as there were side conversations; however, found this to be a very good learning opportunity for her. However, minutes were still captured and were available.

**PSAC Northern Alberta Women’s Seminar.** Dragana stated that after the Seminar, she promoted this event to other women who asked what she did on the weekend. She stated and is continuing to discuss how this seminar was very inspirational, empowering and gave her hope. This generated a strong interest in the recipients during my conversations with them and they had asked me to advise them if we plan to hold the same seminar in the near future.

**Candle Vigil**. Despite the frigid weather, a small group of sisters met at Churchill Square and braved the frigid weather to commemorate the fourteen murdered students in Montreal where we lit candles, handed out 14 roses and discussed the importance of recognizing this day of violence against women.

**iv. Treasurer’s Report.** Report will be made available at the next meeting.

Darlene made a motion to accept the Chair’s Report and Patty seconded. All were in agreement.

**9.5a. Elections:**

**i. Delegate to Prairie Regional Convention.**

**- *Charmaine*** was nominated by Kim Haynes. Mildred seconded. Charmaine let her name stand.

**- *Kim Cardinal*** was nominated byPatty. Kim Haynes seconded. Kim Cardinal let her name stand.

**- *Dragana*** was nominated by Darlene. Patty seconded. Dragana let her name stand.

***As no further nominations were received, elections took place and Dragana was the chosen Delegate to attend the Prairie Regional Convention.***

**ii. Position of Chair.**

- ***Patty*** was nominated by Charmaine. Kim Cardinal seconded. Charmaine let her name stand.

- ***Charmaine*** was nominated by Mildred. Darlene Lewis seconded. Charmaine respectfully declined.

- ***Dragana***was nominated by Mildred. Darlene Lewis seconded. Dragana respectfully decline.

***As no further nominations were received, elections took place and Patty is the newly elected Chair.***

**ii. Position of Vice Chair.**

**- *Kim Cardinal*** was nominated by Patty. Charmaine seconded. Kim Cardinal respectfully withdrew her name.

**- *Mildred*** was nominated byDarlene Lewis. Patty seconded. Mildred respectfully withdrew her name.

**- *Dragana*** was nominated byCharmaine. Darlene seconded. Dragana let her name stand.

***No further nominations were received and Dragana is the newly elected Vice Chair.***

**iii. Position of Secretary.**

**- *Bhupinder*** was nominated by Charmaine. Patty seconded. Bhupinder respectfully withdrew her name.

**- *Darlene Lewis*** was nominated byMildred. Patty seconded. Darlene respectfully withdrew her name.

**- *Kim Cardinal*** was nominated byDarlene. Dragana seconded. Kim let her name stand.

***No further nominations were received and Kim Cardinal is the newly elected Secretary.***

**iii. Position of Treasurer.**

**- *Charmaine*** was nominated by Dragana. Darlene seconded. Charmaine let her name stand.

**- *Kim Haynes*** was nominated byKim Cardinal. Mildred seconded. Kim Haynes let her name stand.

***No further nominations were received, elections took place and Charmaine is the newly elected Treasurer.***

***Ballets –*** A motion was made by Charmaine to destroy ballets. Patty seconded. All were in favor to destroy the ballets.

**9.6 Signing Authority:**

We request and authorize the bank to **remove** the current names and who have held signing authority in 2016 and they are as follows: Kim Haynes (Treasurer), Charmaine Lewis (Chair) and Darlene Lewis (Vice Chair).

We request and authorize the bank to add the following names who are approved by this committee to hold signing authority are the newly executive are as follows: Patty Jessome (Chair), Dragana Ristivojevic (Vice Chair). Charmaine Nelson’s (Treasurer) name will remain on file but her title has changed but still has signing authority.

**9.7 Oath Of Office.** All newly elected executive: Patty Jessome, Dragana Ristivojevic, Kim Cardinal and Charmaine Nelson took the Oath of Office.

**9.8 Round Table:**

**Nina:** Nina stated that both her and Karoline will provide a lockable cabinet where it would hold the committee’s cheques in January 2017. This will allow the committee to continue to do business in case both Nina and Karoline are not in the office. Both the chair and the treasurer will each hold a key to this lockable cabinet. All were in favor and agreed.

**Nina:** On Saturday January 21, 2016, the PSAC will offer for all committee executive members to attend this workshop where each committee will plan events for the following year. Then the three committees will come together to discuss the events planned. Budget planning will be discussed. More details will follow.

Darlene will not be available January 21, 2016.

***Meeting Adjourned at 6:15***