

RWC Minutes
October 23, 2006
5—6:30pm YEU Boardroom

In Attendance:

Sylvie Leonard, YEU Y010
Sue Christianson, YEU Y010
Kim Paradis, YEU Y025

Jo-Anne Smith, YEU, Y010
Tamara Teel, YEU, Y010
Nancy Debreceni, PSAC

Chaired by: Sue Christianson

Sept. 11 RWC Minutes reviewed and approved

Tres. Report: Bank balance \$2820.43 – noting some outstanding bills to be paid

Correspondence:

- Thank you Childcare Assoc. – assistance with Childcare Rally/Stephen Harper
- Responses to RWC letters to Party Leaders - including verbal invitation to meet after election from Liberal leader
- Victoria Faulkner – re Homelessness and poverty actions/events
- Victoria Faulkner/Women's Directorate/Yukon Status of Women – re Harper cuts
- Yukon Status of Women / Youth groups questions to candidates
- Newsletter form National NDP re cuts
- Info re Miss G project in Ontario
- PSAC lobby kits for Childcare and Same Sex Marriage

Actions Since Last Meeting:

- Thanks RWC representatives -- Sue, Jo-Anne, Brenda and Wendie at YTG Bargaining Conf. – with RWC several proposals making the program of demands and note of recognition to YEU policy of Gender parity on Bargaining teams (pre- and Main)
- Letters sent to Party Leaders – Territorial Election – re Respectful Workplace commitment
- Questions to Party Leaders – re election issues through Yukon Area Council
- Jointly submitted resolutions to National H&S Conf.

Old Business:

*Action budget approved which included:

- CLC Women's Conference – fully funded one delegate for RWC to attend – Renee Calude-Carrier
- Go-Go Girls program through BYTE contact made and funding desperately needed to continue young women's program which has youth actively taking leadership in recruiting and promoting better and healthier choices and positive leadership \$500 cheque to go to food and other supplies needed to keep program going to end of year.
- Outreach Van --program through Yukon Family Services Assoc. to assist homeless/street youth in Whitehorse. \$500 donation to go towards emergency Food, Medical and Feminine Hygiene supplies for the expanded 6 days per week schedule through end of year.
- “She Bullies” -- \$1000 towards design and lay-out expenses for brochure
- Airfare for 2 participants so attend 7th World Indigenous Women & Wellness Conference - Sept 25-27/06 in Vancouver

*Discussion that links made with community and women's organizations include more than funding support– also include offer to work jointly with groups to educate members and public on issue and assist in lobbying or actions to address issues.

New Business:

- Thanks Kim for representing RWC and Report/Recommendations on Federal consultation meeting re childcare. Discussion followed on red flags raised and possible actions -- Consideration for Petitions, Letters and joint action with Yukon Childcare Assoc.
- Thanks Pauline for Report/Recommendations from 7th Indigenous Women's Conference
- Review of interest to represent RWC/North at TB Bargaining Conference. Recommendation of Whitehorse RWC delegates as follows: 1) Jill Closter, 2) Erin Troberg, 3) Sue Gill
- Noted increase in number of women elected in municipal elections. Letter of congratulations and invitation to meet with new Mayor of Whitehorse – Bev Buckway and Councilors: Jan Stick, Jeanine Myher and Florence Roberts.
- RWC reviewed Yukon News article and letters to Editor re: appalling and unacceptable behavior at Yukon Party reception on election night. Letter to be drafted to Premier, Elaine Taylor with cc's to include all MLAs, Open letter to Editor, Women's Org.

Next Meeting: Dec 4 -urgent decisions on actions between meetings made via email