

Women's Committee Meeting  
Okanagan Region  
March 28, 2015  
Rotary Centre for the Arts  
Kelowna B C

Present:

Linda Woods	UNE 20140
Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003
Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043
Joy Harrison	APSAR

Meeting brought to order at 11:45 AM with Linda Woods in the Chair.

There were 6 items on the Agenda from Michele:

"1. A motion has been put forth by Kelly that the ORWC participate in a Soup Sisters (Kelowna) event in August 19, 2015. Originally presented by Susan in a past meeting, this organization Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers, is a non-profit charitable social enterprise dedicated to providing comfort to women, children and youth through the making, sharing and donating of soup. For Kelowna the soup goes to either the Women's Shelter or Boys and Girls Club shelter. Further to this motion, Kelly suggests that the ORWC support participation by paying 50% of the \$55.00 cost to participate (to a maximum of 12 participants).

Moved by Kelly.

Seconded by Michele. "

This motion was discussed, and the information on the Soup Sisters website was reviewed. The cost of \$55.00 covers the ingredients, the venue, equipment, supervision, and a Chef or professional facilitator.

The motion did not pass.

"2. It has also been put forward that the ORWC do a group activity for the Women's Shelter specifically- e.g. providing a food tray 1X month (or quarterly?);

a pizza night/ perhaps a work party to assist with maintenance at the shelter?"

This suggestion was adopted. Suggested that a cash donation from the ORWC accompany any activity, and the amount recommended was \$100.00. All present at the meeting do not have access to cheques nor the bank account.

"3. A motion has been put forward by Kelly to donate \$50.00 to Amnesty International in Vernon for the work they do on behalf of Women: \$50.00 to the Kelowna Women's Shelter and \$50.00 to a Women's group in Penticton (unnamed)."

The motion was not seconded.

"4. We received notification from Kristin Schnider on March 16, 2015 that the B C Regional Council DASH committee has agreed to send a donation of \$200.00 to the WWOS (Walking With Our Sisters) Initiative- Comox Valley Transition Society on our behalf.

Our original request was for \$500.00 but YAY- \$200.00 is amazing!"

All agree.

"5. Suggestion was made to consider ORWC participation with Human Rights (Committee) to send a food shipment through the group Helping Northern Neighbours. We could "adopt" a family and send regular food shipments OR donate funds for food purchases. (Please ask Kelly for more details about this organization)."

The consensus was that our focus should be geographic, and the needs in our communities should take precedence.

"6. JOY was able to participate in a "Women and Retirement Security in Canada" conference call-

Can you please share a little of what you learned, Joy?"

Due to time constraints, this item was put forward to the next meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not reviewed.

The Treasurer was not present and the Treasurer's report was not reviewed.

Meeting adjourned noon.