

PSAC Women's Committee Meeting
June 15, 2006

In Attendance

Alethea Boire
Regina Brennan
Parveen Deepak
Patricia Ganczar
Angela Marafon
Deanna Wilson

The meeting started at 17:55.

There was no update to the finances.

Deanna gave a verbal report on the CLC Women's Conference. A written report will follow at a later date. Highlights of the conference included an organized lobby (about child care) to MPs at Parliament Hill, and a selection of interpretive dances performed by the Dandelion Dance Group. She also participated in workshops while at the conference.

The participants present at the meeting discussed the September meeting and what should be on the agenda. The Conservative childcare agenda was discussed and ideas such as an email or postcard campaign were mentioned.

Parveen to connect with BC Federation of Labour and email links to the Women's Committee.

Angela to contact Christine (CEIU) to talk to Val Burgey about the "Hands Off" campaign (Ontario campaign to bring awareness to childcare issues).

The Filipino Women's Center has offered to send a speaker to speak at one of the Women's Committee meetings. All were in agreement that the September meeting would be a good time for this to happen.

Angela to contact Monica Urritia re: Filipino Women's Center speaker.

Because there will be a speaker at the next meeting, the poster for the September meeting will specify that the meeting is at 5:30 and the speaker starts at 6:00 sharp. Also at the end of this meeting, the co-chairs will ask people if they want to stay and discuss events around December 6th and the child care campaigns.

Angela discussed the possibility of adding a line item to next year's budget for "transportation" and "child care". All agreed that this should be revisited when we plan our budget for 2007.

Angela noted that she is in the process of following up on Marcia Bradley's video for showing at a Women's Committee meeting.

Regina noted that there is an on-going information picket in front of the Real Canadian Superstore on Grandview Hwy. Westfair Foods is a supplier to Superstore and they are on strike because their employer wants to reduce the wages of all new hires dramatically (almost half the wages of those employed currently).

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00pm.