

Report of the Women's Committee

Atlantic Regional Council

May 7, 2015

Present:

Angela Decker, Rhonda Doyle LeBlanc, Colleen Hodder, Shanny Doucet, Debi Buell

Staff Advisor:

Mary MacNeil

The Committee welcomed new Committee member, Sister Debi Buell, Director for PE.

Agenda:

NSFL Women's Committee

The NSFL Women's Committee Conference has been scheduled for May 22-24, 2015. A minimum of 40 applicants is required to move forward with the event. As of today only 29 have registered. The Committee will move forward on workshops on campaign organizing for women in Halifax in the event the conference is cancelled.

NS PSAC Women's Retreat

The PSAC NS Women's retreat has been tentatively scheduled for the weekend of June 12-14, 2015. Oak Island has been recommended as a venue. Friday evening has been scheduled for a meet & greet. Saturday workshops to include women's history, child care and an action planning workshop, Sunday morning. Retreat planning is still in progress. The expectation is to accept 15 sisters.

NL PSAC Women's Retreat

The NL PSAC Women's retreat is scheduled for June 19-21 at Terra Nova Golf Resort with an attendance of 20 sisters. Agenda to include a Friday evening meet and greet with NDP MHA, Gerry Rogers, discussing her film, "My Left Breast". Saturday workshops include CLC NL Rep, Kelly Roche, discussing Domestic Violence along with NL Women's Director, Angela Decker facilitating the Child Care "Kitchen Conversations" & a workshop on RWC "Events & Best Practices" hosted by RWC Chairs. Sunday will conclude with a political action workshop facilitated by Mary Shortall, NLFL President. There will be a day of action event held on the evening of Friday June 19th & Saturday June 20, National Aboriginal Day will also be commemorated.

Convention Update

An update was provided of the PSAC Convention & the resolutions that passed that affect women.

Election

A discussion followed on the upcoming election and our role in leading up. Child Care is a priority. An alliance of over 100 women's organizations & their allies called "Up for the Debate" are promoting women to be/make the change for the next election. The website; www.upfordebate.ca

Women's World March Trois Rivieres Oct

Committee discussed the Women's World March being held in Trois Rivieres Oct and the possibility of trying to get sisters there.

Child Care Campaign May 14-17, 2015

Committee discussed events happening nationally:

Power of one: talk about issue of child care

May 14: Chalk it up for Childcare- write messages for childcare

Noon on May 14 Twitter Storm #Vote childcare2015

Committee also discussed the Atlantic Events;

May 16: St John's NL Stroller Brigade & Picnic

May 13: Halifax Public Forum with Hassan Yussuff

May 16: Childcare forum, Saint John NB

The website of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada was provided;
WWW.ccaac.ca

Think 15 Campaigns

The Committee briefly discussed the campaign. It is \$15 hr for minimum wage, \$15 a day for child care & 2015, the year; we get to elect a government that supports women's equality and workers.

The National Equity Conference

National Equity Conference was to be scheduled in Toronto March 16-20, 2016. Sister Baldwin communicated that the Conference has been postponed until 2017.

Days of Action

Sisters discussed the days of actions and their involvements as Committee members and the RWC's.

Other

A brief discussion on the update of the handbook for the RWC's was held.

Rhonda provided a copy of the Halifax Regional Women's Committee pamphlet.

Round Table

Sisters did a brief round table check out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Decker and Rhonda Doyle LeBlanc
Co-Chairs, Atlantic Council Women's Committee