

IIWR-MB AGM 2015

University Women's Club (54 West Gate, Winnipeg)

September 30, 2015 7:00-9:00pm

- 1) Welcome by Nadia Kidwai
 - a. Thanks to those wearing orange in honour of Orange Shirt Day – remembering victims of residential schools
- 2) Opening prayer by Elder Pahan
- 3) Need to ensure people voting were members in 2014 or purchased memberships prior to Sept 9, 2015
 - a. memberships bought tonight are for 2016, not tonight
 - b. call a quorum
- 4) Mary Scott Chair.
 - a. Minutes of October 2014 AGM
 - b. one error under motion 7: Cornelius should be spelled with a “K”
 - c. motions made all unanimously passed
 - d. **Motion that minutes of October 14, 2014 Annual Meeting be accepted as modified**
 - i. **Diane Redsky moves motion**
 - ii. **Leamber seconds**
 - iii. **No discussion & none opposed**
 - iv. **Motion carried**
- 5) Review of meetings
 - a. Issues Affecting Children in Care in Manitoba
 - b. Rocky, Gertrude, Ellen participated in “From Peace in the World to Peace at Home” as part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
 - c. Women who attended Commission on Status of Women – and what they learned
 - d. Ukraine: Euromaidan and Beyond, facilitated by Alexandra Shkandrij
- 6) Major projects
 - a. Launched website – thanks to Caryn Douglas for your web prowess!
 - i. if you're doing something in the community and want others to know about it, you can post on the events section of our website – encourage those working in the area of social justice for women & our organization members.
(<http://iiwrmb.ca/events/submit-an-event/>)
 - b. Proceeds of 2014 Local to Global supported the Global Citizenship Scholarships at U of W, Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grands N More, Equality Effect
 - i. stay tuned for 2016 Local to Global program
 - c. Supporting Panzi hospital & work of Dr. Mukwege – IIWR-MB donated approximately \$2,250.00 as part of International Women's Day event: “Raising Our Voices: Celebrating International Women's Day.”
 - d. 2 Conversation Cafes Organized by Nadia Kidwai
 - i. Sexual Violence: Power and Silence
 - ii. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
 - iii. very popular and important events, hope to continue in 2016
 - e. ECOSOC Status Application

- i. certain credibility/status associated with ECOSOC Status
 - ii. Silvia de Sousa, Danielle Grzybowski & LeAmber Kensley were a great help with this project! Thank you!
 - f. Also participated in
 - i. Project Peacemakers –supported Walk for Peace that took place June 2015 (thanks to Ellen Judd and others)
 - ii. Aboriginal Days at Indian Metis Friendship Centre– had display and provided volunteers (thanks to Hazel Perrie, Jessica Bloomfield, Nancy Cosway, Florence Okwudili, Donna Marion, Mary Scott and Anita Neville)
 - iii. IIWR had display at Sexual Violence Knowledge Exchange Day
- 7) Advocacy Committee Report – Alyssa Mariani
 - a. Busy year!
 - b. Recommended IIWR-MB’s support/signed onto various projects – see Annual Report;
 - c. Wrote our own letters to Republic of Turkey, UN Secretary General, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs urging them to stand against demands for a buffer/security zone between Turkey and Syria; letter to MP for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, highlighting current problems with immigration and refugee policies, specifically with respect to their impact on women and children.
- 8) Financial Report – LeAmber Kensley
 - a. We brought balance forward of \$757.16 for 2014
 - b. Balance forward for 2015 = \$8,300.26 – primarily due to Local to Global Event
 - c. If refer to Local to Global disbursements, will see how much given out to Equality Effect, Stephen Lewis Foundation’s Grands N More and Global College scholarships
 - d. **On Motion: (Kensley-Scott) RESOLVED that the financial statements of the Corporation for the financial year ended December 31, 2014, consisting of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Retained Earnings, Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Financial Position, other supporting Statements and Notes, as included in the Annual Report are hereby approved . Carried**
RESOLVED (Kensley-Scott) that Mike Majors be retained to do a review of the 2014 statement (Carried)
- 9) Nominations of 2015-2016 Board Member Slate
 - a. Mary Scott & Florence Okwudili as Co-Chairs
 - b. Nancy Cosway as VP Administration
 - c. Angeline Rivard as VP Youth
 - d. LeAmber Kensley as Treasurer
 - e. Christie McLeod as Secretary
 - f. Alyssa Mariani as Advocacy Chair
 - g. Jan Christie
 - h. Teclar Gudu
 - i. Gertrude Hambira
 - j. Ellen Judd
 - k. Nadia Kidwai
 - l. Leona MacDonald
 - m. Marilou McPhedran

- n. Anita Neville
- o. Hazel Perrie
- p. Kobra Rahimi
- q. Muriel Smith
- r. Hilary Taylor

Muriel Smith presented the slate.

Slate approved, no discussions and none opposed.

- 10) Sandra Martin introduces Key Note Speaker – Sgt. Susan Swan (retired) [Sgt. Swan was the first Indigenous woman promoted to the rank of sergeant]
- 11) Key Note Speaker – Sgt. Susan Swan (retired) – “Effecting Change in Your Life – It is Never Too Late!”
- 12) Q&A
- 13) Thank you by Florence Okwudili
- 14) Open Floor for Community Announcements
- 15) Adjournment of Meeting