

Report of the Regional Committee of the Francophone Women of the NCR (CRFF) - PSAC

Period: January 1st to March 31st, 2015

Presented by: Sandrine Oka - President of CRFF

- The Regional Committee of the Francophone Women of the NCR (CRFF) - PSAC met once a month on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
- The priorities of CRFF are:
 - ✓ The Campaign to combat violence against women
 - ✓ Recruitment and
 - ✓ The World March of Women 2015 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec. We will sit on the organizing committee, and will get involved in the preparations, as well as recruit sisters to go and participate in the march.
- Other business areas include: Bill C-4 and other austerity bills, reproductive rights, and the National Daycare Campaign.

January 2015:

- The meeting was held Tuesday, January 27, 2015.
- I provided an update on the proposal / resolution presented to the NCR Regional Executive Committee (by the 2 NCR regional women's committees at the beginning of the same month), requesting to support the fight against C36 Act (on prostitution) recently adopted by the government, including a legal challenge against it.
- We discussed the Women's World March:
Theme: Let us free our body, our Earth and our territories.
Date: October 17, 2015 in Trois-Rivières
Other regional women's committees have expressed interest in participating in the march
Launch: March 13th at the Maison du citoyen in Gatineau
- The committee decided to invite members of the Aboriginal Action Circle to meet with us and tell us about their project "faceless dolls and to conduct a brief workshop to make dolls.
- Annual elections were held and the following sisters were elected:
Chair: Sandrine Oka (re-elected)
Vice-President: Hélène Lapointe (re-elected)
Treasurer: Chantal Rajotte

Secretary: Annie Rochon

February 2015:

- As President of CRFF I attended the conference call of the PSAC regional Women's committees, held on February 26, 2015. The topics discussed included: International Women's Day, Child-care campaign, Women's World March, Up for Debate, and the Regional Women's conference (date TBD). NB: the National Equity Conference will be in March 2016.
- Our meeting took place February 25, 2015
- We finalized our plans for International Women's Day (day activity), and decided to participate in as many community activities with our allies as possible, knowing the importance of solidarity.
- We discussed different possibilities for political activities related to women's rights, including with other committees, groups or communities.

March 2015:

- The committee held an information booth for International Women's Day at Place du Centre at Portage, at which we distributed a committee leaflet inviting women to attend our meetings, the PSAC booklet "PSAC works for women", IWD posters and buttons, info on the national childcare campaign and other literature. We engaged women in conversations and some signed up to receive information or attend future committee meetings. This was a success and the committee will organize more information booths throughout the year.
- In addition, the sisters participated in the various IWD activities organized by different community groups in Gatineau and/or Ottawa. For example: Feminist Party, Wine & Cheese, Solidarity against austerity, and a play.
- Our meeting took place on March 24
- I presented a report on the regional women's committees' teleconference of February 26th.
- We discussed mobilization (19th of the month), PSAC training, etc.

Next:

- Preparations for the Women's World March (WWM) 2015 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec.
- Information tables
- Special Guests