



Resolution Meeting
Wednesday, March 19th 2014
Salvation Army Citadel 7-9:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm
Quorum verified: 35

RESOLUTION 1

An Enhanced Canada Pension Plan

Proposed by CFUW Burlington:

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge federal, provincial and territorial governments to work together to enhance the CPP/QPP by gradually doubling the maximum insurable earnings;

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge federal, provincial and territorial governments to create policies compensating women for reduced pension contributions incurred because of withdrawal from the workforce for childbearing, child rearing and care-giving of the elderly, beginning by extending the drop out provision for a minimum of fourteen years in total.

Presenter: Susan Lane

DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT

Motion:

Not to support Resolution 1 as it stands and to return to CFUW Burlington for redrafting. It was agreed that this is a valuable Resolution but not in its present form, deserves further consideration once redrafted.

Proposed by: Susan Lane

Seconded by: Janice Wheatley

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2

Culture of Peace

Proposed by CFUW Standing Committee on International Relations

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to fund, support and develop policies and programs that:

1. Include non-violent conflict resolution processes in peace negotiations, nationally and internationally;
2. Respect Canada's international commitments to human rights instruments, gender equality and social justice;
3. Support a culture of peace.

Presenter: Jill Leslie

DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT

Motion #1:

To add "foster a culture of peace by" after "programs that" to read:

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to fund, support and develop policies and programs that foster a culture of peace, by:

Proposed by: Sue Simpson

Seconded by: Ellie Jansen

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #2:

To change "include" in clause 1 to "including" reading:

1. Including non-violent conflict resolution processes in peace negotiations, nationally and internationally;

Proposed by: Jill Leslie

Seconded by: Tracey Otto

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #3:

To insert a new clause #2:

2. "Ensuring that women are included in non-violent conflict resolution processes in peace negotiations, nationally and internationally;

Proposed by: Jill Leslie

Seconded by: Marjie Welchframe

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #4:

To amend wording of clause #2, now clause #3, reading:

3. Ensuring that Canada fulfils its national and international commitments to human rights instruments, gender equality and social justice, as a vital component of the culture of peace.

Proposed by: Jill Leslie

Seconded: Daphne Shaw

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #5:

To remove original clause #3:

3. Support a culture of peace

Proposed by: Jill Leslie

Seconded: Valerie MacDermott

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 3

Preservation of Democracy

Proposed by CFUW Southport

RESOLVED, that the CFUW and its member Clubs initiate, engage in and promote activities and programs to educate Canadians about the importance of participating in a democracy and to urge them to exercise their hard-won right to vote in all elections – federal, provincial and municipal – in order to preserve democracy in Canada.

Presenter: Heather Lewis

DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT

Motion:

To accept Resolution as written.

Proposed by: Heather Lewis

Seconded by: Valerie MacDermott

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 4

Promoting Plain Language

Proposed by CFUW Saugeen

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to adopt and implement a policy, that Plain Language be used in all documents released by government departments and agencies.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urges all levels of government in Canada to support the mandatory use of Plain Language in

- Legal documents, business and consumer contracts for the general public
- Medical reports intended for patients and staff
- Education-related communication intended for parents and guardians.

RESOLVED, That CFUW supports the rights of all to have written material available in language appropriate to their reading skills in Canada.

Presenter: Sharon Lyons

DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT

Motion:

Not to support Resolution 4 as it stands and to return to CFUW Saugeen for redrafting.

Proposed by: Sharon Lyons

Seconded by: Dawn Jones

MOTION CARRIED

Motion – proposed by Susan

Motion: VP to attend AGM to vote on behalf of CFUW Victoria

Moved by: Susan Lane

Seconded by: Heather Lewis

MOTION CARRIED