

CFUW Victoria Resolutions Meeting

March 14, 2018

Tracey Otto, President CFUW Victoria, called the meeting to order and called on Bea Baker, Interim Chair of the Advocacy Committee to chair the Resolutions portion of the evening.

Resolution 1: Presented by Jill Leslie

Proposed by CFUW Perth & District:

Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

- Advocacy recommended removing the third Resolve and revising the second.
- Advocacy also recommended three additional Whereas'.

Jill moved to accept the Resolution.

Tracey seconded.

- General membership discussion occurred.

Call for vote: All in Favour of Resolution with amendments proposed by Advocacy committee; Motion carried.

The following are the amendments and additions to the Resolution that were carried:

-The third Resolve is removed.

-The second Resolve is revised to read, "...vulnerable people by increasing the number of refugees accepted into the country in 2018 and onward, by providing more resources for processing and settlement of refugees be they already in Canada as asylum seekers or in a third country and in need of resettlement."

Three additional Whereas':

-Whereas, the Executive Orders issued in 2017 by the President of the United States directed against asylum seekers on US soil blatantly violate international refugee and human rights legal obligations,

-Whereas, the 'Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA)' between Canada and the United States means that asylum seekers in the USA must make their refugee claim there, instead of in Canada, because the STCA assumes the US is a 'safe' country, and

-Whereas, as a result of the President's Executive orders the United States is no longer a 'safe' country

Resolution 2: Presented by Anny Schaefer
Proposed by CFUW BC Council, Ruth Mellor, President:
Ending Youth Homelessness

- Advocacy committee recommended approving Resolution.

Anny moved to accept Resolution.
Connie Waddell seconded.

Sheila Campbell moved to add '2S' to Resolution to be placed after LGBTQ.
Sue Simpson seconded.

Call for vote: All in Favour of Resolution with amendments proposed by Sheila and Sue;
Motion carried.

- General membership discussion occurred

Aileen moved in first Resolved to replace "specifically targeting" with "including".
Faith Russell seconded.

Anny moved to accept Resolution with amendment.
12 in favour and 15 opposed. Amendment did not pass.

- General membership discussion occurred

Aileen Lingwood suggested amendment to first Resolved, "to adequately fund combating youth homelessness" instead of "reinstate funding previously in place to combat".
Pauline seconded.

Anny moved to accept Resolution with amended 'Resolved'.
Call for vote: All in favour of Resolution with amendments; Motion carried

Resolution 3: Presented by Grace Dimion

Proposed by CFUW Nelson & District:

Education to serve as a vehicle for social justice for vulnerable children living in closed religious communities

Advocacy recommended approving Resolution with amendments to 2 Resolveds.

- General membership discussion occurred

Grace Dimion moved to approve Resolution with amendments to 2 Resolves.

Motion defeated.

Sheila Campbell recommended sending back to be rewritten.

Sue Simpson seconded.

Grace moved to send back Resolution for rewriting.

Call for vote: All in Favour: Carried.