

SSWA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	Small Board Room SUS Building at UFV Abbotsford	Meeting Date:	Feb 3, 2020
Meeting Time:	10:30 am – 12:30pm	Chair:	Kayla
Attendees:	Kayla, Malina, Raven, Nadia, Alisha, Jessica, Elidh, Tasheena		
Regrets:	Kiran, Hannah		

Call to Order

AGENDA TOPICS:

- **Old Business and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**
 - No meeting minutes to approve
- **Discussion of Group Rules/Goals and Objectives for SSWA**
 - Moved to the next meeting
- **Discussion of Member Roles**
 - Did an overview of the roles of SSWA
 - **Action:** Kayla will send role descriptions to everyone
- **Still Need a MSW, MSW Foundations, and HSER Rep**
 - Raven has agreed to be the Field Committee Rep
 - Nadia will be the BSW committee Rep
 - **Action:** Hannah to share it with Facility Meeting. Kayla doing an announcement in SOWK 312 regarding positions, what SSWA is about, and what positions needs to be filled
- **Creation of Indigenous Rep**
 - Created a new position of Indigenous Rep
 - Tashina will be holding the position for the year
 - **Action:** Tasheena to come up with what she would like to see happen and submit to the association

1. Association
2. School of SWHS
3. BSW
4. MSW
5. Diploma
6. Fundraising and Events
 - i. Indian Residential School Day
 - Talks to bring back this event, as last one occurred on September 18, 2013. Talk to Prof. Darryl Fox, would be able to support bringing back this initiative
 - Event: happened on both Chilliwack and Abby Campus.
 - Rooms were booked on campus to have different speakers at different times. Ex: “meaning of life” - Hugh Brody, life in prison.
 - Potentially partner with Orange Shirt Day, Sept. 30, 20
 - **Action:** Need to talk to Janet/Melodie, to implement crafts and other activities
 - **Action:** Talk to University Elders – what they want to see out of the event, renaming the event
 - **Action:** Talk to local high school as a potential field trip
 - ii. Dinner for Temporary Migrant Workers
 - Appreciation dinner for migrant workers
 - Appreciation dinner for migrant workers. Need to ask the workers what meal they would like.

- Friendship centre hosted by Church on King Rd. – Potentially partnership for a lunch/dinner.
- Write up a letter – Transportation may be an issue for the event.
- Community Event, which may need a hall. Might be better to deliver meals
- **Action:** Jessica will inquire at Kato(?) Nursery and Nadia will approach Church.
- iii. Burger and Brew
 - Last year: Burger and brew partnered with Townhall, SSWA café (safe place to discuss social work concepts
 - **Action:** Malina and Eilidh to inquire about Burger and Brew at Townhall
- iv. Potentially a social event fundraiser at Trading Post, Field House, Loudmouth Brewery, Burgers and Brews, Potentially a summer burger and drinks before school starts?
- v. Potentially events/ social events for social work students: candy bar, A spring social, an outdoor social, weather permitting
 - **Action:** Kayla to contact K building manager to connect about outdoor area
- vi. Potential community event: Easter Egg Hunt. It would be open to families, by donation. Potentially the 1st weekend of April (Sat 4th). Would have food available, popcorn machine.
 - **Action:** Kayla to book a room
- vii. Potentially create monthly events: have Vegan options at events. Possibility of themed events (earth day, climate change awareness)
- viii. Way to promote events: suggestion box, poster in room for contact info, Instagram page for polls, input etc
 - **Action:** Nadia and Kayla to create a suggestion box in SSWA Office for people to voice concerns
 - **Action:** Kayla to create resource file/binder or dedicate a wall with transparent sleeves
 - **Action:** Eilidh to create a Instagram page
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- 7. Treasurer
- 8. Advocacy
- 9. Training Opportunities
 - i. CASWE Conference in London, Ontario
 - CASWE will be happening London, Ontario. Kayla, Kiran, Maline, Tashina, Raven, and Jessica are interested in going
 - **Action:** Kayla speaking to Margret Coombes and getting the dollar amount for how many people can go. Kayla to email Margret by the end of the week
 - ii. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
 - Mental Health + ASIST + ASIRT
 - Offer free/paid training - \$200/ person/ Group Rate(potentially need fundraising – try to subsidize at least \$100.
 - Potentially applying Rising Youth Grant
 - Having this as event that's open to Social Work Students
 - iii. Stó:lō Aboriginal Support and Critical Incident Response Team (ASCIRT)
 - iv. Mental Health First Aid Training
- 10. Partnerships
 - i. Sweeny Neighbourhood Centre
 - SSWA to inquire
 - **Action:** Raven to inquire
 - ii. HelpSeeker App
 - Need to get the word out to agencies.
 - **Action:** Everyone to follow up with their practicums

NEXT MEETING:

Date: March 2, 2020 (10:30 – 12:30pm) & March 30, 20 (10:30 – 12:30pm)

Location: UFV Abbotsford

Meeting Room: Small Board Room in SUS building