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March 16, 2017 President's Report

International Women's Day

We held our event on Sunday, March 12 in Nanaimo. It was a great event and very well attended.

Thanks to our panel members Sue Powell, Lauren Semple and Yalda Ahmadi for sharing their insights and experiences with us. They were very inspirational.

Also, many thanks to Iris Taylor for organizing the event and the many delegates that attended. We had a lot of donations for "Tampon Tuesday".

Planning Session

We held our 2017 Planning Session on Saturday March 11 at the NDTA office. Thanks to them for kindly providing the space for us at no charge. Also, thanks to the Exec members who could attend and give of their time for our LC.

Adrienne came over to lead the session and it was very productive. It sometimes seems that we don't do enough but when we reflect on all the activities we participate in and or fund as a Labour Council it is always impressive.

We are ambitious for 2017 but we tempered it with realism. The budget proposal reflects where we want to go for next year.

One of the new expenses we have added is a website. This came up from our discussions about communication and encouraging delegates and the community to attend our meetings and events.

It would be a simple and straightforward site that once was up and running an Exec member could update with posters, pictures and calendar events.

We did come in under budget which was very encouraging as we are always conscious of where money comes from and want to do the most with it for impact in our communities, labour and affiliates.

Political Action Funds

This is one of the largest budget lines for us. With the May election looming we need to decide how we wish to disperse these funds. Do we want to divide the funds equally between the four NDP candidates in our area? Are there other options for us as Labour Council?

Education Awards

This is another budget item and if passed we will be able to offer three \$500 Education Awards again this year.

Once it is approved we will get the documents out and up on the new website in a fillable form.

In solidarity,

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