

OCTOBER 2023

AGENDA: 4:02 pm October 12th, 2023

- Territorial Acknowledgement: Beau
- Designate note taker: Fernanda
- Check in, introductions
 - Check in question: What are you doing for Halloween?
- Updates and Announcements:
 - 1) Douches - Being added to supplies. Eric is in charge of it and everything is going good so far. The final order might be under 500 dollars.
 - 2) Plan b - Previous concern was, why do people have to be 19 to access plan b? The reason behind is that 19 is the legal age for signing in B.C. However, students no longer have to be 19 to access this medication at the GEM. The only requisite is for students to sign the waiver and GEM still needs to see a photo ID, but it doesn't have to be a government issued ID.
 - 3) Convo Cafe - All the advocacy groups were invited, so we'll be running a conjoined conversation cafe to discuss changes on Uvic's discrimination policy. **The cafe will be held on October 23rd at 4pm in Vertigo.** An online survey will also be available for accessibility.
 - 4) UVSS AGM - GEM will be promoting the AGM as there will be a motion to lower the quorum for referendums. If we meet quorum we'll have better chances to pass a referendum to increase our budget for the spring.
 - 5) GEM Journal - An initiative to revive the GEM Journal is in session. Fernanda is in charge of the project. As of now it will start on the monthly newsletter and we expect to change it to the GEM website as it grows in scale.
 - 6) Groovefest - There was a mythical party happening annually from 1997 to 2004. GEM is hoping to include the history of Groovefest in the next Sexpo, as it would be celebrated after 20 years of it being canceled for allegedly being "Racist and discriminatory" against white people.
 - 7) Archiving GEM - Planning to digitalize the GEM archives is in motion. Sebi has more details about how to do it with help of the UVic library, and will be in contact with Beau for further detail.
 - 8) Community calendar - There is a calendar outside Beau's office and people are welcome to fill in with events happening. We also hope that GEM members will add their birthdays to the calendar.

There are posters outside the library window with more community events and announcements.

❖ Sebi's movie - She is looking for actors and more people to be involved in her movie!

9) Safety - We hope to find someone to provide a self-defense training workshop. Members will reach out to people and we'll update accordingly.

There is now a first aid kit on top of the shelf next to the chalkboard. However we do not have a fire extinguisher.

Beau will reach out to the UVSS about this as well as reach out with an initiative for policy and procedures for safety drills.

- Approvals:

- 1) Clothing and costume swap - Approved. Happening before the week of Halloween. We will try to find a classroom to host it, if not, it will be hosted at the GEM and will be promoted accordingly.
- 2) Prym is running for director at large - Approved. The GEM now publicly endorses Prym on her campaign.
- 3) Community LINK password change - Approved. The new password is GEMhiv2023! New tags will be printed.

Meeting adjourned: 5:07 pm.
