

West Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes
Knight and Day Restaurant, September 24, 2012 at 5:30 PM

Present: Jeremy Amor – President (UTE Local 20029), Celine Ahodekon (UNE Local 20278); Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 20088), Gary Fraser (PSAC Acting Regional Coordinator), Wendie Maguire (CEIU Local 20910), Rina Calendino (CEIU Local 20910), Bob Jackson (PSAC - REVP), Michael Small (UTE Local 20029), Johann Ackermann (UTE Local 20029)

Regrets: Regina Brennan (PSAC Area Rep)

Absent: Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050), Dale Tudge (CEIU Local 20910), Josko Dujmovic (GSU 20008)

- M/S by Michael/Rina to accept the agenda as amended - Carried
- M/S by Michael/Jennifer to accept the previous minutes as amended - Carried.
- Finance Report – M/S by Rina/Wendie to accept the Financial Report as amended - Carried. M/S Bob/Johann to increase the Donations/Political Action line item on the new budget from \$600.00 to \$1,500.00 - Carried. M/S Bob/Jennifer to increase the Membership funding line item on the new budget from \$300.00 to \$500.00 – Carried. M/S by Rina/Bob to accept the Budget as amended- Carried.
- Donations – M/S Jennifer/Wendie that up to \$100.00 be given towards the expenses for the Dec 6, 2012 Violence Against Women event at Holland Park – Carried. M/S Jennifer/Celine that \$200.00 be given to the Surrey International Women's Day Committee (Re: event in March 2013) – Carried.
- Political action updates – Garry reported on the Day of Action event on Sept 15, 2012 in Bear Creek Park. There were about 25 to 30 in attendance. Jasbir Sandhu, MP- Surrey North and Lori Mayhem, President of NWDLC spoke at the event in addition to Garry and Johann. It was a good event but it would have been nice to have a higher attendance. Bob mentioned the other events being Fusion Festival; Pride Day in Surrey and the Labour Day BBQ in Abbotsford. The PSAC Regional Board will be meeting to discuss these events. He mentioned that we have to get more people involved in Political action. Johann mentioned using Social Media to get people involved such as a Facebook page. This could include the retirees and many others. Celine mentioned that at Abbyfest a lot of people asked for the "Harper hates us" badges.
- Bargaining updates
 - Regional* -
 - YVR has been served notice to bargain in September;
 - Purolator has been served notice to bargain dates to be set;
 - *National* -

- FB (Border Services) submitted request for Public Interest Commission (PIC) on July 20th. Employer has requested mediation;
- Technical; Services TC have set dates for PIC, November 12 – 16;
- Notice to bargain served to CRA – August 29th – demands were exchanged today (Sep 24);
- Notice to bargain served to Canada Post – August 30th;
- Stats Canada SSO Fliel Interviewrs negotiations continue (Back at the bargaining table October 9 – 12;
- CFIA mediation dates set for January 15 – 17, 2013;
- Parks Canada bargaining continues November 19th and December 10th;

(Mobilization activities are being planned. If you are interested, contact the PSAC Regional Office 604-430-5631 for more information.)

- Office updates (Garry) – Regina is back and couldn't be here due to another commitment that was set before this. Joanna Schultz has resigned to run her own business and Garry Fraser is acting in her position until the end of this month. Jennifer commented that Garry has been to a lot of events and wanted to thank him for all his hard work. Everyone agreed. Garry said cudos to everyone that came out to the events.
- BC Federation of Labour Convention 2012 – M/S Johann/Rina to fund Jennifer for her Registration Fee of \$150.00 – Carried.
- Education – Garry passed out the Education schedule and encouraged us all to get more members out especially to the UICA and the D2A. (The UICA has no prerequisite but the D2A does.) It was noted that effective January 2013 the \$25.00 education per diem goes up to \$50.00.
- Election of officers Chaired by Garry

Position	Candidate Nominated	Nominator	Seconder
President	Johann (Acclaimed)	Jennifer	Celine
Vice President	Jeremy (Acclaimed)	Johann	Jennifer
Treasurer	Rina (Acclaimed)	Johann	Celine
Secretary	Celine (Acclaimed)	Jennifer	Johann
Education Coordinator	Jennifer (Acclaimed)	Celine	Wendie

- Affiliation to New Westminster & District Labour Council (NWDLC) – M/S Johann/Jennifer to affiliate the CEIU Local 20910 to the NWDLC – Carried.
Wendie suggested that Dale Tudge be the delegate.
- M/S by Michael/Johann to pay \$180.99 for the food - Carried
- Next Meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd, 2012 at the Knight and Day Restaurant on King George Blvd, Surrey.
- The chair adjourned.