

**PSAC VICTORIA AREA COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES – April 16, 2013
PSAC Victoria Regional Office**

Members Present:

Cindy Little – UTE 20028	Scott Parker – UTE 20028
Ken Waldron – UNDE 21013	Nic Humphreys – UEW 20169
Marcelo Lazaro – UNDE 21016	T. Mark Miller – UNDE/VP
Lance Jesson – UNDE 21016	Mitch Anthony – GSU 20001
Astrid Stoker – CIU 20042	

By Phone:

Virginia Vaillancourt

Regrets

Ian Wiggs – UNDE 21008
Jim Sidel – DCL 20500
Steve Portlock – UNDE 21010

PSAC Victoria RO Staff Present:

Dave Jackson – PSAC Rep

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to order	Chairperson Sister Little called the meeting to order at approximately 1742hr. Roundtable introductions of members present.	
2. Proposed Agenda	Addition to Agenda – Monday’s Regional Meeting. Chairperson Sister Little motioned to accept amended Agenda. M/Little, S/Lazaro. Carried.	
3. Minutes	Adoption of previous minutes from February 12, 2013. M/Little, S/Parker. Carried.	
4. Financial Update	Brother Waldron reviewed financials. \$700 for election funding has not come out of account yet. Net balance is \$8304.27 currently. Vote to accept financials. M/Waldron, S/Jesson. Carried.	
5. Political Action & 6. Provincial Election Plan	Brother Humphreys spoke regarding the B.C. Federation of Labour (CLC) and the invitation to reception with Jim Sinclair. Focus for our council is on two ridings: Oak Bay – Gordon Head, and Saanich North & the Islands. There are 225 members that our local Presidents could give information to of where and how to vote. Message is that we need change. Brother Humphreys was also looking to send handout “8 Reasons to Vote for Change” for distribution to members (available on website). Meeting is on April 23 rd at	

	<p>the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel (5:30-8:30pm). Table opened to questions from members: - question was asked if candidates could be asked to respond in writing to a list of our questions (for e.g., ask for candidate to respond to question of raw log exports). Brother Humphreys responded that it was a good idea, however unsure if able to be done within the available timeframe. - Brother Anthony strongly recommended for members to vote in person (not at advance polls). - suggestion put forward to approach members at work via local Presidents. Brother Humphreys requested local Presidents to encourage their members to go to the meeting at the hotel.</p>	<p>Brother Humphreys to ask Sister MacKenzie to send invitation out to members.</p>
7. Softball Tournament	<p>Brother Parker advised there are currently 9 teams total so far, and that is enough to make the tournament feasible. Still need people for food and set-up (please tell Scott of any volunteers). Cooking is taken care of already. Also have a grill now.</p>	
8. Pride Parade	<p>Sister Vaillancourt presented a request from the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee. Suggestion to form a multi-committee float for Pride Parade (i.e., Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee, Vancouver Island Young Workers Committee, Victoria Area Council, Victoria Regional Women’s Committee) and to join monies and participants. Asked if a vessel could be provided for a “Pirate Ship” theme. Unfortunately, unable to be provided. Date of Pride Week is July 1-7th, 2013. Sunday, July 7th is the parade. PSAC usually has a table. Suggestion was then made to rent a truck & trailer – but would need to rent ahead of the parade day in order to have time to assemble the float. Otherwise, looking for someone to volunteer their truck. Sister Little advised there is \$200 in VAC budget for donation to the Pride Week. Sister Vaillancourt requested authorization to collect this money from the VAC. Motion to donate \$200 to the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee for the Pride Parade. M/Waldron, S/Parker. Carried.</p>	
9. Funding and reporting for Area	<p>Sister Little attended training course and meeting for various area councils on April 4th. They were given</p>	

<p>Councils</p>	<p>document regarding new funding and reporting procedures. REVP – need to submit budgets to them prior to receiving money from them for the year. Guidelines are in place now and new deadline is March 15th. VAC – Sister Little stated VAC’s fiscal end was previously changed to coincide with conventions in September. This now presents an issue with the AGM needing to provide elections for convention, but now PSAC wants budget done by March 15th. Also, it is possible that the VAC may not receive the same amount of funding from PSAC because we have funds in our bank account. We are expected to spend the money (not save). Brother Waldron expressed concern that this does not coincide with the constitution. Sister Little stated this year’s deadline already passed, and that council was given some grace time. Sister Little had provided the paperwork to them (from September last year). Sister Little has requested whether more has to be done at this time (is waiting for answer). Member suggested that perhaps VAC should stop collecting from locals and even consider refunds this year. Sister Little stated may decide to have Sept-Dec as free then, too. Sister Little stated we need to look at District Labour Council funding as we will not get the money until it is spent. Suggestion was made to apply for this money now (Brother Waldron and Sister Little will look into this). Member suggested these concerns/issues be brought to Bob Jackson. Members questioned how much was too much money to have in account? Brother Waldron expressed concern that the council needs to maintain a minimum of one year in the bank. Brother Waldron will send emails to see how others feel about this.</p>	<p>Brother Waldron and Sister Little will look into applying for funding now.</p> <p>Brother Waldron will send out emails.</p>
<p>Addition to Agenda: Monday’s Regional meeting</p>	<p>This is Phase 2 of “We Are All Affected Campaign”. Members wanted to know if new information would be presented? Otherwise, felt that people would leave the meeting. Brother Waldron put forth recommendation that President Little’s wages be paid to attend the meeting. Member pointed out that this motion would mean VAC is agreeing to take on this funding rather than PSAC. Member felt the wages should come from Regional Council funding.</p>	

	Motion put forward that President Little would request Regional funds; and if funds declined then VAC would pay. M/Anthony, S/Humphreys. Carried.	President Little will request Regional funds.
11. Round Table	Open House last night for move of PSAC office. Floor plan available to view. If you have input, please submit ASAP. PSAC will be out of old office by June 1 st . There will be no balcony in new office.	
12. Meeting adjourned	Chairperson Sister Little motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1855hr. M/Little. S/Anthony. Carried.	

Sister Cindy Little
President

Sister Astrid Stoker
Recording Secretary